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Who's Who and What's What

A Mr. Hoyt has been soliciting advertising for The Baptist Record. We wish our people to know that he has no authority from us to do so.

The Texas Baptist Convention Board re-elected Dr. R. C. Campbell as Executive Secretary. He had resigned to accept a call to the Immanuel Church in Little Rock. We do not know his decision. The Board also elected Mr. Bill Marshall of Ft. Worth as B. S. U. Secretary.

Pastor Webb Brame said that Sunday probably broke all records for Sunday school attendance at Yazoo City. It was our pleasure to sit in the men's class and hear Professor Koonce teach the lesson. And then to preach to the people at eleven o'clock. The atmosphere of the church was worshipful and the music helpful. The Sunday school has as good equipment as is in any city of its size, and the teachers are trained for their work. We also had the fellowship and hospitality of the home in which Mrs. Brame presides. Here is a long pastorate that is not expecting to terminate soon.

Dr. M. P. Hunt, 824 Cecil Ave., Louisville, Ky., has written a tract entitled "Baptist Churches Had Their Origin in the Days of Christ and His Apostles." This was published first in the Western Recorder of Kentucky. There was a demand for wider distribution. Dr. Hunt has had 20,000 printed so that it may be sold cheap. He was originally a Presbyterian but came to the Baptists as the requirement of a good conscience. He has studied his subject thoroughly and writes interestingly and convincingly. It is a good document to pass around. The tract can be had of Dr. Hunt at the above address, at five cents a copy, three for ten cents; ten or more at three cents each, or \$2.00 per hundred.

After years of absence we made a brief visit to the campus of our Alma Mater. In a conspicuous place near the entrance we were attracted to a monument which we had not seen before. Approaching we read an inscription carved in the stone which attracted our attention by being written in Greek. Looking more closely we recognized the words which we had learned many years before on the campus. Put into English it said, "Stranger, go tell the Lacedaemonians that I lie here in obedience to their order." It was a monument to soldiers of course. The story is well known of the Spartans who fought at Thermopylae under orders not to let the Persians pass that gateway. They were true to their trust and paid for their faithfulness with their lives. But peace has its heroes no less than war. We saw recently a picture of the newly made graves of two young women who laid down their lives for the Lord in Africa. One of them had hardly more than begun her work. There are no braver spirits than these. And our missionary history will show them in every land. Better than the Greek inscription are the words of our Lord, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life." All of us could well covet the privilege of sharing with these missionary heroes the reward of faithfulness. For the same voice that promised the crown of life also said, "He that hath an ear let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches."

Statewide B. T. U. Conference at Meridian February 22-23.

Rev. N. R. Stone whose announcement about Bible Conferences appears in this issue may be addressed at 1286 North West St., Jackson.

Bacone College for Indians in Oklahoma gets an endowment from the General Education Board of New York for a chair of Indian History.

The person who is always criticising, and accusing his brethren, evidently has the spirit of Satan. "For the accuser of our brethren is cast out." Rev. 12:10.—Hazelhurst Messenger.

"Science says there can be a future life. Philosophy says there may be a future life. Morality says there ought to be a future life. Christ says there is a future life." Revelation. WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE?—Hazelhurst Messenger.

When the Negro minister asked a Negro woman the question: "Do you take this man for better or worse?" she replied: "He can't be no wus and dey aint no hope of his gittin' no better, so I guess I takes him as he is."—Ex.

Pastor L. E. McGowan resigned the care of Davis Memorial Church in Jackson Sunday that he might accept a call to Merigold and Morrison Chapel in Bolivar County. Brother McGowan is a true man and faithful minister of Christ. His associates will be sorry to lose him from Jackson. But they commend him most heartily to the people in his new field, where there is a great opportunity.

Pastor A. F. Crittendon reports the best Sunday school attendance at Ponca City, Okla., since he began his pastorate there, 733 present, and the interest in the church services excellent. The W. M. S. has reached its highest mark. In the twenty-one months of his pastorate here, brother Crittendon has welcomed 274 into the church, 118 by baptism. The budget contributions have increased from \$800.00 to \$3,270.00.

At Walnut, Tippah County, Pastor T. R. Hammons and family were affectionately and generously remembered on Thanksgiving Day. Nothing desirable was forgotten in the way of food, flowers and linen. At Christmas the pastor was given a good overcoat. The budget for 1938 is over subscribed. The church has been dedicated free of debt. A large class room for men has been added, the class taught by Prof. W. B. Tennyson, and an office for the pastor. A hot air furnace has been installed. A Sunday school training course was conducted in February; a B. T. U. course comes in March. In this church are the association clerk, J. H. Brotherton to president of the associational W. M. U., Mrs. Lee Smith, Young People's leader, Mrs. Verner Luna, and Professor Tennyson as superintendent of the Sunday school association.

Lots of queer things happen in Roumania. The king ran away with a Jewess, forsaking his wife, who has refused to return to him. Then a wave of anti-Semitism sweeps the country, and Jews are in jeopardy of their lives. Then the government or cabinet goes to pieces, and the head of the Orthodox (Greek) Church in Roumania is called to form a cabinet. And he discourages anti-Semitism. But things do not look good for Baptists in that country when the head of a church which makes a business of persecuting Baptists, becomes head of the cabinet. Baptists have fared badly in that country by reason of persecution. But they seem to thrive under persecution, as has been the history of Baptists since the days of the apostles.

Pastor Webb Brame tells a good story on himself: In his pastoral visiting a lady met him at the door, with a hearty, "Come in Dr. Brame." A small boy hearing this scooted under the bed. But hearing the conversation in the room a little later crawled sheepishly from under the bed, remarking, "That's no doctor; that's our preacher."

The next meeting of the Central Mississippi Preachers' Conference will be held at the invitation of the pastor and church at Crystal Springs, as guests of the church. The program will cover two days, three sessions on Monday and two on Tuesday, March 28-29. The Bible study will be led by Dr. M. O. Patterson, head of the Bible Department in Mississippi College. The full program will be announced later.

Dr. W. L. Little, deacon in the Wesson church and president of the Mississippi Medical Association, made a good address to the Central Mississippi Preachers' Conference Monday on Preachers Visiting the Sick. He said that he had seen many cases where medical science had exhausted all its resources and the patient was still hopelessly ill, when the tide was turned in answer to prayer, and the patient recovered. He is himself a friend to preachers and a helper to every good cause.

Whose Son is He? That is the crucial test in determining the question of one's orthodoxy, which is just another way of saying whether one is a real Christian or just an imitation. Jesus himself was not satisfied with being recognized as a prophet; nor as a teacher; nor as the Son of David. He was all of that, but he was more than that. And he said that the Old Testament itself proclaimed him more than that. He was Lord of all. He was and is the Son of God, as no other man ever was. When his adversaries had asked Jesus all the questions they could think of he asked them one, "Whose Son is He?" and when they said, "The Son of David," He said, "No; David said, The Lord said unto my Lord, sit thou on my throne." He did not succeed to David's throne alone. He ascended the throne with God the Father.

THE NEED FOR TRAINING FACILITIES FOR NEGRO RURAL AND ELEMENTARY TEACHERS IN MISSISSIPPI

It is more and more clear as we go along that some time or other Mississippi will have to do something to improve the standard of living of her large colored population. The state can never achieve her true destiny with half her people stupid, ignorant, diseased, thriftless, and in many cases, worthless. From an enlightened, selfish point of view alone, we shall have to do something at some time or other to improve this condition. Moreover, it is doubtful if we can ever do much until our most influential and most far-sighted white citizens see this problem clearly and realize the need for doing something. Of all the things that the state might do toward improving the status of her colored population, the one most constructive and most far-reaching would be to provide some means whereby we can train in the proper way teachers and leaders for our colored population.

There are 5,792 Negro teachers in Mississippi. Approximately 500 of these are college graduates, 2,472 have had some college training, and 3,000 are of less than college grade. This means (Continued on page 8)

Sparks and Splinters

Roger W. Babson says that ten years ago he investigated seventy men who were leaders in business and industry and found that all of them had praying fathers and mothers. Twenty-four of them were sons of preachers.

A statue dedicated to "Freedom of Religion" will be placed in a prominent place on the Sixty Million Dollar central mall of the World's Fair to be held in New York in 1939. There will also be representations of The Freedom of Assembly, The Freedom of Speech, and The Freedom of the Press.—Ex.

Our church work was never in better condition since I came four years ago. We had about seventy additions last year and now we have two awaiting baptism, one a girl of ten and one a man of eighty. The congregations are large in all of the services and all seem to be moving along nicely.—W. R. Cooper, Pastor Tylertown.

We have received a little pamphlet of twenty-four pages giving an account of the work of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. There are five chapters dealing with (1) its history, (2) finances, (3) duties, (4) by-laws and (5) charter. We presume a copy is to be had for the asking at 161 Eighth Ave., North, Nashville, Tenn.

Evangelist Selsus E. Tull has just closed a revival with the First Baptist Church of Piggott, Ark., of which Rev. A. C. Rudloff is pastor. The worst blizzard of the winter hit that section during the revival, but a truly great meeting resulted anyway, and twenty-seven were baptized at the close of the meeting. On February 27th, Dr. Tull begins a revival with Dr. W. Lee Rector of Ardmore, Oklahoma.

The Baptist Hospital in New Orleans is one of the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention. It has never had a deficit, never failed to pay principal and interest on its bonds, and pays its bills promptly. It has 202 patients and has had to decline a request of a railroad for rooms for its patients, and that of the U. S. Government for thirty-five beds a day for men engaged by the government. The superintendent, Dr. L. J. Bristow, was authorized by the Commission to find one thousand people to give \$100.00 each to enlarge the capacity of the Hospital.

The church at Ripley will celebrate its centennial this year. Pastor J. B. Parker would appreciate the loan of any historical material relative to the church. A revival meeting is planned for June 15-24, in which Rev. J. W. Middleton of Clinton will preach. The Southern Sentinel of Ripley republishes a report of the dedication of a church building which had just been finished in 1885. A memorial service was held in honor of Gen. M. P. Lowrey, the former pastor who had just passed away. Dr. W. T. Lowrey, then a young man had been called to succeed his father as pastor of the church as well as president of Blue Mountain College. Loving tribute was paid to General Lowrey by Colonel Falkner and others.

Dear members of the Leaf River Baptist Church (Covington County): By recent vote of the church, the Baptist Record is being sent to every home in our membership and is to be a weekly visitor in your home. It is the sincere desire of the pastor that you read it regularly and prayerfully, because he believes that it will be a great source of information about our Lord's work as Southern Baptists are trying to carry out His command, a rich store of instruction on the great doctrines of the Bible, an overflowing channel of inspiration, and an instrument of joy. If you will read faithfully your denominational paper this year, you will be a better informed Baptist, a better witness for Christ, a more fruitful branch, and a happier Christian. Let each member of the family read it, pass it on to others, and pray for all our work. May our Lord bless each one as we go forth in this effort for His glory.—Your pastor, Roy R. Brigance.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary students travel a total of 80,000 miles each month to preach the Gospel in nine different states.

Reservations have already been received from twelve states at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary for the March Pastors' Conference which will be held at the Seminary March 7-11. Others who plan to come should advise the Seminary.

Pastor J. H. Pennebaker has been two and a half months at Sumner and Webb. The Summer Sunday school has nearly doubled in attendance, and there have been nine additions at Webb. The people are cooperating and the work grows steadily.

Blue Mountain girls will present Gilbert and Sullivan's opera "H. M. S. Pinafore" at Blue Mountain on February 25, at Tupelo on February 28, at Decatur on March 1st, at Mississippi College on March 2, at Canton on March 3, at Drew on March 4, at the University on March 7.

Rev. J. E. Barnes is now located at Foley, Ala., ten miles from the coast, with a full time church, and feels he has a great opportunity for fruitful service. The people at Ocean Springs give him up with regret, and the newspapers in that section speak in high praise of the work he has accomplished in the past six years on the coast.

The railroads are not making any special rates to Richmond, Virginia, for the meeting in May, 1938, of the Woman's Missionary Union, and of the Southern Baptist Convention. The regular low rates, open to the public, will prevail. Messengers should consult their local ticket agent about the best rates and routes.—Austin Crouch.

Missionary J. G. Chastain is preaching temporarily to the Baptist Spanish Mission in New Orleans. By invitation, he spoke recently before the students of the B. B. I., using as his subject, "Building Character and Making a Man." They have enrolled 249 this year, this number passing 300 when we add the correspondence students.

At Holly Springs a large majority of the members of the Baptist church are tithers and practically all give weekly. In January the contributions went over the budget nearly 200%. A new circle is added to the Missionary Society and all are running full strength and making noticeable gains. The B. T. U. is doing the same, A. B. A. U. having been recently reorganized. The prayer meeting is well attended and a great joy. The largest congregations, Sunday morning and night, seen in several years. The choir is working fine. Pastor D. L. Hill is a great leader and good preacher. The church building was recently completed furnishing an up-to-date Sunday school equipment.

The First Baptist Church, Laurel, Miss., sponsors troop 35 of the Boy Scouts of America. They have their own building furnished by the church. This week they are celebrating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the movement. Under the guidance of that princely Scoutmaster, Mr. Hackett Grant, they worshipped in a body with the congregation last Sunday morning and were present in a body at prayer meeting Wednesday evening. The Y. W. A. was also present in a body at prayer meeting. The auditorium of the Brotherhood class room overflowed. Our "Brotherhood" has fifty-two members present last Monday evening in their regular meeting. We are delighted to see the "Brotherhood" idea getting hold upon our laymen all over the state.

A contingent of five Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary students, led by Rev. Fred A. McCaulley, Seminary publicity director, visited the campuses of Mississippi College and Hillman College, Clinton; Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain; and Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, last week on a good-will tour for Southwestern. After a brief visitation of southeastern colleges and universities, the group will enter the state again this week to visit the campuses of Mississippi Woman's College and Mississippi State Teachers College, Hattiesburg. The personnel of the party, in addition to Rev. McCaulley, includes: Rev. Rogers M. Smith, Texas; Mr. Ray Koonce, Mississippi; Miss Blanche Ray Conner, Texas; and Miss Helen Sharp, Missouri.

Walnut St. Church, Louisville, Ky., gave \$1,000 to emergency relief in China.

Florida Baptists employ three evangelists, and are planning two evangelistic conferences in the spring.

There were 70 additions to First Church, Jacksonville, mostly by baptism in a recent meeting conducted by Dr. Geo. W. Truett.

Dr. and Mrs. D. M. Ramsey were given a Golden Wedding reception at Greenville Woman's College in South Carolina, where he was once president.

On February 9 the Foreign Mission Board had received \$208,234.93 from the Lottie Moon offering made by the W. M. U. in December. Of course much of it is yet to come in. The debt on the Foreign Board is now down to \$324,000.00.

Florida Baptists are working on a plan similar to that in vogue in the Carolinas, Alabama and Virginia, to provide a retirement pension to all preachers in the state who cooperate with the Board in its work. A committee of seven was appointed to work out a plan in cooperation with the Relief and Annuity Board in Dallas.

The Committee on The Florida Baptist Witness in their report to the recent Convention in Jacksonville, said that the Convention pays \$500 a month to the paper for the space used by the departments of the Board, and finds it more economical than when the Convention took the risk of publishing the paper. The Committee recommends having a responsible news-gathering agency in every section of the state.

We read recently a personal letter from Missionary H. M. Harris in Kaefend, Honan, China. He is far in the interior and at the time of his writing a month ago the war had not reached them, but the town had suffered an air raid. He reports that it will be the policy of the Board to plant a seminary in the interior. He is still interested in the work at Mississippi College, and offers to spend his next furlough in raising a fund to endow the Bible chair in the college.

Wonder if it might have happened in Mississippi. A little girl in Oklahoma went to the penitentiary to see her father before he was to be executed. While in McAllister she was taken to church and she heard about God for the first time in her life. When she got back home she asked someone if they might not get that man, God, about whom she had heard, come down there to her part of the state. God forgive us who have been so slow in the business of witnessing.

This from Leland is a stimulus to faith: A full program of church activity has been under way in the Leland church since the New Year dawned. An average of over 200 was reached in Sunday school attendance during January. A goal of "400 in Sunday school on Easter Sunday" has been set up in earnest by our superintendent, Mr. Roy Kuykendall. The Sunday school is proud of its new Young Men's class, "The Character Builder's class," recently organized by its teacher, Mr. E. A. Currey. There are nineteen enrolled already. Baptist Training Union is on the upgrade in our church, too. Under the leadership of our new director, Mr. S. S. Walker, we should go far in 1938. In addition to our four working unions, we have recently organized two others—an Adult Union and a Story Hour. The B. A. U. president is Mrs. Frank Caperton, and Miss Mabel Coalter is leading the Story Hour. The pastor and deacons were hosts to the men of the church at the annual fellowship banquet held late in January. Pastor E. H. Westmoreland served as toastmaster of the evening. Following a delicious turkey dinner, the guests were entertained with special musical numbers by the Mississippi Woman's College quartet and selected vocal solos by Mr. Gordon Sprott of Leland. Rev. Clyde Hankins of Indianola was the chief speaker of the evening and brought a heart-stirring message on Christian faithfulness. Mr. J. H. O'Quinn, chairman of the Board of Deacons, and Mr. Roy Kuykendall, Sunday school superintendent, were presented and made brief talks. About one hundred men were present and were loud in their praise of the evening's hospitality. The ladies of the local W. M. S. served the dinner.

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News and Truths About Our Home Mission Work

HOME MISSION BOARD

J. B. LAWRENCE, Executive Secretary

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January Receipts—HOME MISSION BOARD	
Cooperative Program	\$ 24,915.85
General Designated	883.57
Hundred Thousand Club	5,932.85
Annie W. Armstrong Offering	100.16
Special Designations	1,467.52

Total	\$ 33,299.95
Receipts January, 1937	\$ 27,171.78
Increase (22%)	\$ 6,128.17

DEATH CLAIMS THIRD HOME MISSIONARY

The death of Rev. J. A. Lopez, Mexican missionary at Lubbock, Texas, January 24, was the second depletion of the ranks of home missionaries within a week and was the third Home Board worker to die in less than two months.

The passing of brother Lopez followed by one week the death of Dr. R. T. Pollard, the Board's senior missionary, who died at Selma, Alabama, January 17, after forty-two years of missionary service in Negro educational institutions.

Rev. L. Ortiz, aggressive Mexican missionary at Corpus Christi, Texas, was the first of the three losses on home mission fields, his death having come suddenly on December 14.

Brother Lopez' death came after a long illness from which he and the Board were anxiously hopeful that he might recuperate when he was transferred from Pearsall, Texas, to Lubbock last summer. The higher altitude was beneficial and he went about his work on the new field with renewed vigor, but the ravages of the tuberculosis on his body could not be overcome and he died a victim to the disease.

The vacancies on these two important Mexican fields will be difficult to fill. Dr. J. W. Beagle, field secretary, was in Texas the last of January and the first of February, on which trip he hoped to recruit suitable re-enforcements. The position at Selma occupied by Doctor Pollard will be filled soon, according to Dr. W. H. Dinkins, president.

GOSPEL BRINGS CHANGE IN HOME

By Gladys Keith, Missionary in New Orleans

Last Sunday evening I visited a home that I had often visited. There were times in that home that it was almost unbelievable the way they lived. The father, son of a preacher, has the drink habit so badly that it just possesses him. His home has been a very unhappy one.

Recently he came to the Mission and came under the spell of the gospel. He has not been the same man since. He has eight children, three of whom had accepted Christ and asked for baptism, and I went around to get them Sunday night to take them to First Church where they were to be baptized.

As I entered the gate memories of other visits came to me. I wondered if I would hear that unearthly screaming that I had so often heard. As I neared the house I was almost startled by the quietness that prevailed. I stepped up on the porch and looked through the glass door and saw the most beautiful sight that I have ever seen.

There they were, all except the baby dressed to come to the Mission. The mother was bending over dressing the baby. The father was sitting quietly in his chair waiting for the mother to be ready. I went in and told them how glad I was to see them getting ready for the services. I asked the man if the children were ready to go to be baptized.

"Yes," he said, "it's perfectly all right to take them."

Then the mother said, "Daddy and I are going to be baptized just as soon as I am able."

Oh, it is a glorious privilege to work for a God who can change lives like that!

I have preached three funerals this month which is something very unusual, for the Navajos do not often want a Christian burial for their

loved ones.—R. A. Pryor, missionary to the Navajos.

May the Lord have mercy and greatly bless our efforts inspite of economic dizziness, political silliness and spiritual kiddishness all about us.—G. O. Foulon, missionary in Illinois.

DISCOVERS CAUSE OF HARDNESS

One of the missionaries in the mountains writes that he has discovered that one of the causes for his field being exceptionally hard is that many years ago an old hardshell preacher, who once lived and preached in the country and one in whom the people had confidence, quit preaching, went back into the ways of the world and even denounced the things that he had been preaching.

"Then came on another generation of infidels who followed him," the missionary continued. "They read the works of Tom Paine and Bob Ingersoll. These people were some of the most influential in the country."

"I have been told that the man who was the leading merchant of this town several years ago, but is now dead, would get out on the street with a Bible in his hand and make sarcastic remarks about it with a group of boys around him."

"Another cause for the place being hard is that Baptists have been almost two thousand years getting here with the truth, but in the meantime heresy has gotten a foothold."

SPANISH ATTENDANCE INCREASED

The Lord has been blessing our work very much. We now have the biggest Spanish attendance in Albuquerque. Last Sunday the church was packed; we had about eighty people. Our big crowds have surprised the people. We can with Paul say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens us."—Elias Atencio, new Spanish missionary.

Some Mexicans are asking us for Bibles and New Testaments, but we cannot give them copies because we have none. We give them tracts and newspapers but they wish to drink of the fountain directly.—C. Hernandez Rios, Mexican missionary.

THE PRESIDENT RECEIVES THE WASHINGTON MINISTERIAL UNION

Rufus W. Weaver

Over two hundred Protestant pastors Monday noon, January 31st crowded into the private office of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The President of the Ministerial Union, Dr. Oscar F. Blackwelder, thus expressed the object of their coming: "We the pastors of the Protestant churches of Washington, although holding many different political opinions, wish to pay our respects to you as our fellow churchman as well as Chief Executive. We desire to pledge through you our thought, our prayer, our useful service to our country in these difficult days and to request you to make any suggestion of ways and means by which we and our brethren in the ministry can be of the highest value to our day and generation."

The President replied, speaking extemporaneously: "I am grateful to you for this wonderful expression of faith—of faith and works and I am glad that you referred to what I said in 1934 about the need of spiritual reawakening in this country. I must make a confession: I did not realize until the last few years how much influence America has in the world. I did not really deep down in my heart, believe very much in church missions in other lands. Today I do. I have seen what the American church missions have accomplished in many countries, not only on the religious side but on the side of health and of education. After all, the three of them tie

in very definitely together. We call what we have been doing 'human security' and 'social justice.' In the last analysis all these terms can be described by one word and that is 'Christianity.' You have been rendering a great service to your Government. I appreciate your coming here and all I can say is 'God bless you; keep up the good work.'"

Earlier the Ministerial Union had met in the auditorium of the Department of Commerce as guests of the Secretary, Hon. Daniel C. Roper. This distinguished Christian statesman, in his welcoming speech stirred the ministers present by his earnest appeal to increase the effectiveness of spiritual forces in American life: "True religious principles are the foundation of good society, the basis on which our civil charting rests and from which our basic laws derive their sanction." He concluded his penetrating and challenging address with these words: "The hour has struck for every pulpit, every moral, educational and religious unit to call upon every believer for a rededication to the service of God and country. The endeavor must seek all men and women in all stations of life and enlist their dynamic support. It cannot be done under a single unit procedure. It can be achieved through a coordinate program in which jealousies and prejudices will yield to the righteous goal sought. The acclaimed objectives of Christianity can only be attained through the consecrated cooperation of the almost countless units of the great Christian church. The future of our democracy and the future welfare of all our people await your constructive response to the challenge."

Following this address, Dr. Rufus W. Weaver presented a series of resolutions which were adopted by a unanimous standing vote. One of these resolutions authorizes the President of the Ministerial Union "to appoint 21 members of this body, not over two from any single denomination, to confer with leading men, including business and professional, who are conscious of the necessity of these Christian ideals, relative to the procedure that should be taken by the religious forces of America, in arousing all our people to the imperative necessity for a return to God, a return which will find its individual expression in a rededication to the service of God and country and its corporate expression in a keener social conscience and higher ethical standards." This committee meets the coming week.

Whatever is done, there will not be created another organization to prepare a program of action for the evangelical churches of the nation. That has been tried, and it has always failed. The significance of the addresses by the Secretary of Commerce and the President of the United States is that these distinguished men have voiced the growing convictions of a multitude of thoughtful men, many of whom have taken but little or no interest in evangelical religion. The basic issue that confronts the civilized world is whether pagan leaders in the Nation's Capital are awakening to the imperative need of a revival of evangelical religion.

O THOU WHO AT AN EARLY AGE

O Thou who at an early age
Among the doctors taught and heard,
Grant us to scan the sacred page
And find Thee in Thy holy word.

About Thy Father's business then
When Thou wert but a youth,
Among us come and teach again
That we may know the truth.

—Charles Granville Hamilton
Aberdeen, Miss.

David Lloyd George, ex-premier of Great Britain, and his wife recently celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Dr. L. R. Christie of Tallahassee, Fla., will deliver five lectures at Limestone College in South Carolina during Religious Emphasis week, beginning February 14.

EDITORIALS

TELL IT TO THE CHURCH

The second time mention is made of the church in the New Testament, the second time the word church is used, is in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, the seventeenth verse. Here is recorded the instruction of Jesus about how to deal with a brother who has done wrong. But here as elsewhere we can understand the verse under immediate consideration if we consider the whole connection. In this case it will help us to understand better what a church is and what it is for.

The occasion of all the teaching in the chapter is in the coming of the disciples of Jesus to ask who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Here as in the sixteenth chapter, where the word church is first used it is well to notice that the church and the kingdom of heaven are mentioned in close connection. To Peter he says, "On this rock will I build my church . . . and I will give to thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven." And when later the disciples come to him to ask about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven, he soon tells them about taking matters to the church. The invisible kingdom of God will soon materialize in a visible church of God. You will never see light until it comes into contact with some material substance. You see the light of the sun at night when it comes into contact with the moon; but you will search all the rest of the sky for any sign of the sun's light. So the kingdom of God, the reign of Christ in the world, finds its material expression, and does its work chiefly, some might say wholly, through the visible church, the congregation of believers who are drawn together by the Spirit of God, and are vitalized by the Spirit. A beam of sunlight would pass unseen through a darkened room unless it strikes some floating motes in the air, or some material object in the room. The kingdom of God becomes visible in a darkened world through the men and women who constitute the churches of Christ.

And now to follow the teaching of Jesus that led up to the mention of the church. The disciples ask him who is greatest. He took a little child and said "Except ye become as little children ye shall in no wise enter the kingdom." Here is the symbol of greatness. And be sure you see that such little ones are given the best care. Don't ever put a stumbling block in their way. Rather lose your right hand, or eye, or foot. See that the least one in the kingdom gets the best care. And if any brother goes wrong, falls into sin, go to him and help him; carry somebody else with you if necessary, and bring him back. If this fails bring the matter to the church and get their help.

Now our reason for recounting all this is to show how the question of the church came to be introduced. It seemed to be in the mind of Jesus that the church had as one of its primary purposes to be an agency for mutual helpfulness. It was meant to mutually strengthen all who were drawn into it. And that is exactly what the primary purpose of a church is. It does not end here, but it begins here. The weak need it, and there are none so strong but that they require it. Paul tells Timothy, "Till I come give heed to the reading, the exhortation, to the teaching." It had to be kept up and always will.

It is sometimes said that a church is not a hospital for sick people. But it is a means of strengthening to all who are weak, and that about takes in everybody. After the day of pentecost, they did what every church needs to do after a great revival when many new people come into the church: "They continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and in fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers." They needed to. And you will remember that when the gospel had saved a goodly number at Antioch, that Barnabas was sent to them and "exhorts them all that with purpose of heart they should cleave to the Lord." And then he

called in Saul of Tarsus to help him. "And it came to pass, that even for a whole year they were gathered together with the church and taught much people." The church is for the purpose of strengthening the faith of all the members and building them up in the knowledge of God.

But there are other things to be learned about the church from this reference to it in the eighteenth chapter of Matthew. It is here mentioned as a recognized institution. If it was not already so designated as being the assembly of believers when Jesus was speaking of it, it at least was already in his mind as a fact, and his words must have been so understood by the disciples at the time. He did not feel it necessary to explain or elaborate. He took it for granted they would get his meaning when he said, "Tell it to the church." And "the church" means as always an assembly. It did not then mean and does not now mean a selected or representative group chosen from the assembly, but the congregation of believers. This is not said because of any personal preference for one kind of church polity over another. It is said because the language cannot mean anything else. The church of Christ was not made up of a session of elders, nor any ecclesiastical overlords. It was an assembly, those who had been called out of God and bound together by a common devotion to the Lord Jesus, and a common experience of his grace. To them, to all of them, was to be brought the case of a man who persisted in doing wrong after having been admonished. And if he would not hear the church, he was to be henceforth as a heathen and a publican, as one who had never had any church connection.

Jesus expected that what this assembly of believers did should be final. There was no appeal. There was no superior court. For Jesus adds, "What things soever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatsoever things ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." It is impossible to put into stronger language the entire competency of a church, a congregation of believers, to pass effectively and finally on all matters pertaining to its membership. There is no hint here of any subsequent development of a general ecclesiastical corporation, or evolution of church polity into anything different from this autonomous local church. The very word for church in the New Testament has application to a local visible assembly, and never to any great organization of which the local congregation is a component part. The description of the decisions of this local church has an air of finality that is absolutely unmistakable. The only authority recognized is the will of Christ. The only loyalty is devotion to Him.

Let us not close this study of the words of Jesus without noting that it is the will of Christ, not only that individual members shall have some responsibility for the kind of life their fellow believers live, but the responsibility of the whole church for the maintenance of proper standards of Christian conduct and life. The spirit of a church should be such that it will purge itself from the infection of evil. If it cannot be corrected by brotherly rebuke and exhortation, the church must keep itself pure by the process of elimination, getting rid of the wrongdoer. The human body to keep itself from corruption and decay throws off the impurities that would poison the body and stop the action of the vital organs. No less should a church of Christ be able to purge itself from the infection of persistent sin in the persons of those who refuse to heed exhortation and rebuke given in love and gentleness.

Dr. S. G. Posey has been three years pastor of First Church, Austin, Texas. In this time 660 new members have been received; present membership 2,165; net gain 342. A new educational building will soon be finished; two foreign missionaries are supported by the church. Nearly \$100,000 have been given to all causes. Many workers have gone out from this church to other fields.

BRER RABBIT, THE TAR BABY AND SOME BAPTISTS

There is a proverb to the effect that many a truth is spoken in jest. Along with this it might be said that there is lots of truth and many a wholesome lesson wrapped up in such stories as "Brer Rabbit," as told by Joel Chandler Harris, and in the Mother Goose rhymes written by we don't know who. Everybody in this part of the world knows about Brer Rabbit, and the folks in the rest of the world would do well to learn. And one of the stories tells of the efforts of "Brer Fox" to catch "Brer Rabbit," which came mighty near to being tragically successful. Only Brer Rabbit's shrewdness in the end saved him. Brer Fox set a "tar baby" as a trap to catch "Brer Rabbit," who was of a simple but investigating turn of mind. And you recall how "Brer Rabbit," offended by the silence of the "tar baby" in the face of all his salutations, smacked him with one foot after the other until all of them were stuck fast. Then Brer Fox seized him and carried him off. Only the briar patch where he was "bred and borned" saved him. Get any good old colored brother to tell you the story if you don't know it.

And now for the some Baptists. Baptists have generally been able to take care of themselves, and have gotten along pretty well at it as long as they attend to their own business. It is only when they begin experimenting with other people's business that they get into trouble. They too are quite simple sort of folks, and some of them have had the disposition to lend an ear to the seductive song of the folks who have advocated some scheme of union, federation or cooperation. You can read a good story about a similar situation in Nehemiah where Sanballat and Tobiah and Geshem proposed to Nehemiah that they all "meet together." Of course Nehemiah declined, went on about his business and rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem.

And now for the up-to-date parallel. A good many years ago a brother from some union organization appeared at the Southern Baptist Convention with a request for our participation. It was courteously declined. Again Southern Baptists had an invitation to participate in the plans and work of the Federal Council of Churches. This too was declined, although Northern Baptists went in. Southern Presbyterians went in and then came out. Things were not altogether to their liking.

Again when the Preaching Mission started individual Baptists participated, although there was no committal of our people to the project. Again when the advocates of union, cooperation or federation burgeoned in the springtime of 1937, they approached the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention with another request that we join them at Oxford and Edinburg for "ecumenical conferences" on Life and work, and on Faith and Order. The Executive Committee declined.

But Dr. W. O. Carver, either feeling in his heart a soft place for the movement, or urged by those who did, came before the Convention with a motion that Dr. Geo. W. Truett be appointed to represent Southern Baptists at these conferences. The name of Dr. Truett touches our people at a tender spot. Likewise they have great faith in his wisdom and his faithfulness to his Baptist convictions. So the motion carried. Dr. Truett didn't go. And the Executive Committee was then asked to appoint some one or more in his stead. They picked Drs. J. R. Sampey and J. D. Franks. And they went.

Some months afterward in order that the trail of the union might not get cold, some of those from America who were at the Conferences at Oxford and Edinburg got together in Washington City and appointed messengers to go to Holland in May to see about a world organization for the promotion of union, federation or cooperation. There can be no doubt in anybody's mind as to what the leaders in this movement desire, although it is generally proposed in sufficiently vague terms as to escape criticism as far as possible. When these follow up brethren

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met in Washington, Dr. Sampey was among those absent. We understand that Dr. Franks attended. And when it came time to choose a representative from Southern Baptists, Dr. W. O. Carver, who made the motion in the Convention to participate, was chosen. Dr. Carver was not present, and knew nothing of his selection, apparently until it was all done.

Now we are where we can see round about us a little. Southern Baptists are the largest body of non-Catholics in the world, outside of state churches. Their participation would boost the cause of the union advocates. But you notice that the selection of some one to represent them, or whether they would be represented in the meeting in Holland next May, is taken completely out of their hands. We are making no objections here to Dr. Carver, but we are saying that the bridle reins have been taken out of the hands of the Convention and placed in the hands of these self-appointed brethren who went to Washington.

If we understand Southern Baptists they are unwilling to commit themselves to the decisions and findings of an outside organization. If a conference of that sort is a place merely for the expression of opinions, and statements of belief, it might work. But everybody knows that it is more than this. The purpose of it is to formulate some basis of union. The only sort of union that Baptists want or will have is one based on acceptance of and obedience to the teachings of the Bible and of that alone. The union which these gentlemen propose is based on playing down all differences as unimportant. Their very conception of union is a close ecclesiastical organization. It can eventuate in nothing else than compromise of conviction, accommodation for convenience and submission to ecclesiastical authority. That is what we have in the Roman Catholic church.

That this is the inevitable conclusion is seen in the proposal for union of all Protestant churches in England, about which Dr. A. J. Barton wrote in last week's Record. Be sure to read his article. We believe that our Baptist people want none of it, and that when they meet in the next Convention they will say so.

LEADETH US IN TRIUMPH

Our attention was recently called to a verse of Scripture which has been long misunderstood because of a faulty translation. It is found in the second chapter of Second Corinthians, verse fourteen. The reading in the American Revision is, "But thanks be unto God, who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ." This seems to be beyond doubt the meaning of the words. Most people are misled by the familiar translation of the King James Version, which says, "Makes us to triumph." The meaning in the two versions is entirely different.

Paul is not here glorying in any victories which he may have been given by the grace of Christ, but he is glorying in the victory which Christ won over him, and which the Lord is proclaiming on every occasion as he leads Paul a captive to His will at the Lord's triumphant chariot wheels. The figure is taken from the triumphal processions of the Roman Emperors, who were returning to Rome and celebrating their victories over enemies whom they had subdued. On such occasions great preparation had been made for the entrance into Rome of the victorious emperor and his legions. That's where Mussolini got his ideas. It was the habit of the returning conqueror to bring the leader of the vanquished army as a symbol and evidence of his victory. With him chained to the chariot, the entrance was made into the city amid loud acclaims of the people, songs by the multitudes, and incense offered by the attending priests.

Now Paul represents himself as the captive of the Lord Jesus, overcome by Him when Paul was the leader of the opposition and persecution suffered by the church in Jerusalem. Paul is said to have made havoc of the church and persecuted the Christians even into strange cities. It was on his way to Damascus to bring them

bound to Jerusalem, having been commissioned of the high priest, that the Lord struck him down, smote him with blindness and brought him utterly subdued into Damascus and later back to Jerusalem. And the people throughout Judea heard that he who once persecuted the saints now preached the gospel of Christ. Henceforth Paul gloried in the victory of Christ over him. And everywhere he went, it was as the proof of the power of the gospel and as the evidence of the victory of the Lord Jesus. And so he says, "Thanks be unto God who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ and maketh known through us the savor of his knowledge in every place."

It is just as if today in Mississippi a man who has done more to oppose righteousness and advocate the things that hinder the gospel of Christ, a libertine and drunkard, should be turned to the Lord and made a preacher of righteousness and a witness to the power of God over sin. Think what a sensation it would create, what consternation in the ranks of the gospel's enemies, and what joy and faith in the hearts of God's people; and what hope it would inspire in those who have thought they were beyond the reach of the grace of God. Paul could say truly, "Faithful is the saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief: howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me as chief might Jesus Christ show forth all his long suffering, for an ensample of them that should thereafter believe on Him unto eternal life."

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LET'S GO
By A. L. GOODRICH, Circulation Manager
"Ask the People and They'll Subscribe"

LET'S GO

Marion County:

We had heard much about the Marion County Association's monthly meeting and our curiosity wouldn't be satisfied until we had seen for ourselves. Space forbids an adequate write-up but we believe they have something. Below is a brief outline of the program as we saw it:

1. Devotional and song service.
2. Address (25 minutes) by some speaker selected by the moderator. Most of the state workers have presented their work.
3. Conference period. There are three conferences—B. T. U., S. S., and W. M. U.

We attended the B. T. U. Conference. After disposing of some business matters, the following program was rendered:

1. Devotional.
2. Duet.
3. Three talks by representatives of churches in the association.

The meeting is held the first Wednesday night in each month with from eight to ten churches represented. The average attendance is from 150 to 200.

From various pastors we heard favorable comment on the new plan. They say it has increased the attendance over the separate meeting places, it creates greater interest and is enlisting more men and women on the programs.

We presented the EVERY FAMILY plan and several pastors felt that they could soon have it adopted in their churches. Bunker Hill is already on the EVERY FAMILY list.

Marion County subscriptions are listed as follows: Columbia 28; Foxworth 2; White Bluff 1; Goss 1; BUNKER HILL 108.

Columbia:

The work at Columbia seems to be going extra well. Total receipts, according to the treasurer's report for January, were \$1,034.48, or an 80% financial increase.

During 1937 there were 97 additions to the church.

Two missions are maintained by the church and four prayer meetings.

Rev. J. O. Chappell has charge of the mission



DR. H. W. TRIBBLE,

Professor of Theology in Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky., will assist Pastor James W. Middleton of Clinton Baptist Church in a meeting beginning Sunday, February 20th through February 27th. The prayers of all are earnestly requested for a great revival.

work of the church and is pastor of the two missions which the church sponsors.

We sampled the delightful hospitality of Pastor and Mrs. F. K. Horton and hope to have business in Columbia again. And the sooner the better.

Pastor Horton likes the EVERY FAMILY plan and hopes to install it at Columbia ere long. Scuna Valley Goes Forward:

"Scuna Valley has decided to accept the every-family offer and send the Baptist Record to every family of the church. So I am enclosing the names to whom the paper is to be sent.

"We have a small church but we want to do all that we can for the work, and we feel that the Baptist Record taken and read by our people will do more good than most anything else that we can do.

G. E. Denley, Treasurer."

(Note—IT CERTAINLY WILL.—A.L.G.)

MOST PREACHERS CAN

Writes Rev. R. L. Breland of Coffeetown, pastor of Scuna Valley: "... It was not hard to get Scuna Valley to adopt the every-family plan. This is a forward looking church."

NOTE—Most churches will if—A.L.G.)

SO SAY WE

"Brother Goodrich:

Enclosed you will find payment for the Record for February. Our Sunday school secretary said today she thought there was no way in which we could use our money to a better advantage than putting the Record in all our homes. It was the thought of us all.

Mrs. Will Hill,
Ripley, Miss., Route 4."

EVERY FAMILY church lists received this week: Burns, Goodwater, Scuna Valley, Leaf River (Covington County), Escatawpa. (The plan must be good.)

THANK YOU—Mrs. T. A. Gilbert, Meridian; Mrs. Clarence Smith, Pontotoc; Rev. C. J. Olander, Morgan City, for Cruger and Morgan City church lists; Rienzi Baptist Church; Mrs. J. M. Brownlee, Columbus; Rev. R. L. Breland, Coffeetown; Rev. B. E. Phillips, New Hebron; Rev. James D. Walker, Canton; Rev. J. L. Boyd, Meridian; Miss Daisy Smith, McCalls Creek; Mr. S. L. Norwood, for Hog Creek Church; Rev. E. L. Douglass, Hollandale; Mrs. Sam Simmons, Grenada; Escatawpa Baptist Church by Rev. Jas. Taylor; Mr. J. M. Thomas, Jr., Tupelo; Mrs. Bob Barron, Indianola, for list of subscriptions sent in.

MISSISSIPPI WOMAN'S COLLEGE
ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Contributions and Pledges Through November
18, 1937 (Revised) (Up to 1937 Session
of Baptist State Convention)

Out of State Pledges (12 states).....	\$ 21,359.00
Anonymous, Pending, etc.	2,024.40
Forrest County (Including Trustees, Faculty, and Students Pledges).....	107,665.68
Mississippi (Other than Forrest Co.)..	31,862.59

Total through November 18.....\$162,911.67

Mississippi Pledges—Other Than Forrest County
Counties:

Adams	\$
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Calhoun	27.08
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Coahoma	565.00
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Warren	125.50
Washington	1,502.86
Wayne	101.00
Webster	6.00
Wilkinson	24.50
Winston	670.60
Yalobusha	35.50
Yazoo	121.56

Suggestions

Please find your church and yourself in the above picture. Are you satisfied with your part in this effort? Will not those counties that have done little or nothing voluntarily assume worthy quotas for retirement of the \$50,000 pledged by the Convention? Your cooperation is urgently solicited by our Campaign Committee.

TEARING DOWN IDOLS
Mrs. H. A. Waggener

The first words that were uttered in Divine thunder tones from Mt. Sinai were these: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me" (Deut. 5:7). When God's people dared set up their idols, then it was that their enemies came to have the advantage over them. In Gideon's time when idolatry was the popular religion of the day, the nation was in complete servitude to the Midianites and was in danger of being destroyed by them, had not God intervened and saved them through His chosen leader.

Let us consider the Lord's call to Gideon and how he led the people to a victorious overthrow of the enemy. But before the enemies of the Lord and Israel could be subdued, it was necessary that the nation's idol altars should be cast down. First, God commanded him to begin at home. No doubt it took unusual faith and courage to destroy this beloved object of his devotion, and besides it was a dangerous undertaking; so much so that he waited until night time when his kinfolk and neighbors were soundly sleeping. Then he cast down the altar of Baal, cut down the grove beside it and built an altar to Jehovah all in one night's time. When his people assembled for the early morning worship service and saw what had taken place, they were soon converted into an angry mob and demanded the life of Gideon. But his father, being a man of tact, turned the tide in his son's favor. Gideon's father exposed the falsity of Baal and no doubt when the people realized the wickedness of their own hearts, they were ready to support the Lord's cause. The outcome of it all was this: Gideon, under God's guidance, accomplished the impossible, and God through Gideon wrought one of the most miraculous victories that has ever been known in the history of this nation. The war cry, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon," struck terror to Satan's hosts.

Bring the application of the truth of this sacred narrative down to our own hearts, and churches, and nation, and we find idol altars too numerous to mention—and they are keeping us away from God. There are idols to be pulled down in our hearts and this is possible only through the enlightenment and power of the indwelling Spirit of God as we yield to Him. There are idols reared up in the very sanctuary of our churches and religious denominations. The money-god, the god of popularity, but most imposing and pretentious of them all, is the great gods of Ecclesiastical systems and externalism. Some fine young people, who belong to a church of another denomination, expressed their views to us, not in a critical, or faultfinding spirit, but out of the sincerity of their hearts they frankly admitted that they were spiritually in need of something which they were not getting in their church services. The young man stated that his pastor, who receives a large salary from a wealthy congregation, is so engrossed with financial problems that he preaches lifeless sermons. This young man's wife is interested in missionary work, but feels that the externals are emphasized to the neglect of the

vital things because the members are so anxious to have recorded in public all their activities and good deeds. Jesus said, "Except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the Scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven." And we know that their religion consisted in "doing church work" to be seen of men. Any plan that is zealously fostered and upheld in the church which is not prompted by the Holy Spirit, tends toward idolatry and will never bring glory to God, save lost souls, or get us anywhere.

Many professing Christians put their denomination before the cause of Christ. For example, a rich Presbyterian aunt said to her nephew who is a Baptist preacher: "If you will join the Presbyterian church, we will educate you for the ministry." This young man was entirely devoid of means for an education, yet he could not even listen to such a proposition as this. God told Gideon to tear down his idol, but we Christians of today go on about our work and try to ignore the idols that are set up around us. Now idols are set up at the instigation of Satan, for he wants to separate us from God, and it is necessary for us to do something about them. When it comes to national idols, we find them upon all the "high places." However, we believe the "movie screen idol" to be one of the most wide-spread sources of the evils of our day. This is true because so many children and young people receive wrong impressions of "love" and "life." When their characters are in the process of moulding, for years multitudes of them have been fed on immorality and vulgarity, dressed in the cloak of beauty and attractive personalities. No wonder our nation is reaping a terrible harvest in diseased bodies, broken homes and lost souls.

The above is a dark picture but we must not be discouraged or sound the note of despair, for we can still call upon the Lord to deliver us. Great victories are made possible through prayer, repentance and cleansing in the blood of Jesus. Let all who love the Lord pray that He will send us many young people to carry on this holy crusade. The zealous devotees of false systems will want to kill them, but multitudes will rejoice because of deliverance from awful bondage. May each one hear His voice in the words spoken to Gideon: "The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour; go in this thy might and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites; have not I sent thee; . . . Surely I will be with thee." Judges 6:12, 14, 16.

WHAT DO WE MEAN BY "REVIVALS"?

The time of year is here for evangelistic meetings, but such effort, if it is to be successful, cannot be regulated by the calendar. Christian people will become deeply interested in the unsaved, summer or winter, only when their own lives have been quickened and revived. Evangelists spend much time pleading with church people that they "get right with God," before beginning direct appeals to non-Christians. Finney, the great evangelist, declared that sin should be repented of and put away before soul winning can become effective. Among "sins of omission" he suggested ingratitude, lack of love to God, neglect of the Bible, unbelief, neglect of prayer, lack of love for our fellowmen, and neglect of self-denial. Under "sins of commission" he includes worldly-mindedness, pride, envy, censoriousness, slander, cheating, hypocrisy, robbing God by the wrong use of money, and the exhibition of bad temper. God is calling us to prayer and effort for the unsaved, but we need to "get right with him" ourselves before much can be done that will really count.—Watchman-Examiner.

Miss Nell Calloway of Griffith, Ga., who recently finished her training course at the Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans, becomes Educational Director in Fifth Avenue Church, Saint Petersburg, Florida.

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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS AND EDINBURGH AND OXFORD

By J. D. Franks

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Under the above title an editorial appeared in THE BAPTIST RECORD in the issue of January 27th. Among other things this editorial says of the Southern Baptist representatives who attended these great World Conferences last summer: "Since their return they have not been particularly communicative about what went on. They probably saw some things that pleased them, and some that did not."

So far as this representative is concerned, (and he can speak only for himself), there are two chief reasons why he has not said more about his observations at these conferences. (1) There is so much historical background involved leading up to the conferences, about which he is not very familiar, and such a vast scope of world problems considered by them that he did not think he could discuss them fairly and adequately in a few brief articles. (2) He thought that an inadequate discussion, such as would necessarily result from his own limitations of essential knowledge and the limitations of space in the RECORD which would have to be imposed, could serve only to confuse the minds of his readers, many of whom might be less informed than himself, and to invite harmful and, perhaps, not very enlightening controversy. He, therefore, contented himself with giving in one brief article a few general impressions which came to him of these great ecumenical meetings. In this article he invited his readers to secure and read for themselves the splendid literature available on the history, the objectives and the findings of this tremendous world movement among the churches.

THE BAPTIST RECORD also carried in its columns the Oxford "Message to the Churches," and the Edinburgh "Affirmation of Unity." Both of which were brief, to the point and were enlightening.

Again let the writer suggest to those interested in knowing more fully about these Conferences that they write to Dr. Henry S. Leiper, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York City, and Dr. Floyd W. Tomkins, Washington, Conn., Secretaries of the Oxford and Edinburgh Conferences, who will be glad to supply them with lists of books and other literature, including full reports of the two meetings. These can be had for nominal prices.

Only by acquainting ourselves fully with authoritative sources can we intelligently appraise the movement, which is certainly big enough and important enough to concern every Christian who wants to be able to "discern the signs of the times."

The writer did see "some things that pleased" him very much at these Conferences, "and some that did not." In order that none might have grounds to infer that he has something which he wishes to withhold from his Baptist brethren concerning his exalted privileges and experiences at Oxford and Edinburgh, he desires here to mention, first, some of the "things" which "did not" conform to his personal views of what should have been, as follows:

1. The personnel of the delegates to the Conferences, according to his ideas, was a bit "top heavy." There was too great a preponderance of "church dignitaries" in evidence, such as Bishops, Archbishops, Archpriests, Archdeacons, Archimandrites, Great Archimandrites, Serephims, Angels and so on down the line of high-sounding, church-betitled officials. The ordinary "working parsons," laymen and women were conspicuous for their absence.

This unbalanced condition injected into the counsels of the Conferences too many voices which were accustomed "to speak with authority," and had a tendency, though not intended, to muffle the timid, more democratic voices. This condition could not be chargeable to any studied purpose upon the part of the chief promoters and leaders of the Conferences, but rather to the fact that the more democratic communions

have not been identified with this ecumenical movement as long as the others, and, therefore, their voice was not as bold and courageous. In this connection we venture the conclusion that if the worthy objectives sought by this movement are to be realized they must first be sold to and heartily espoused by the average church leaders who are closest to the hearts and the understandings of the great masses who make up the membership of the churches.

2. Being an evangelical, born and bred in the heart of the "Bible belt" of the South, and nurtured by perhaps the most evangelistic faith in Christendom, this representative was greatly disappointed in the lack of emphasis given to evangelism, which was apparent throughout the meetings. Little or nothing was said about a concerted effort among the churches to evangelize the world. The cause of the unchurched millions of the earth went begging in the discussions and the reports. Evangelism in some form was perhaps in the background of the thinking of many, but, if it was, it rarely came out in open discussion.

It must be said in fairness to any church group that might not be considered strongly evangelistic, that there was no deliberate effort apparent, as far as this observer could see, upon the part of any to keep evangelism out of the considerations. The lack of emphasis on New Testament evangelism must be chargeable again to the failure of the more evangelical groups to make their voices heard. We are strongly convinced, however, that the Conferences missed one of their greatest opportunities in failing to issue to the churches of the world a strong challenge to world evangelism. Nothing would do more and go farther towards bringing the Christians of the world together than a united, soul-winning campaign.

3. There was too much reference to church history and church traditions, and too little reference to the Scriptures in seeking to harmonize the differences among the churches. There was real point in the suggestion of the Greek Orthodox representatives, presented to the Edinburgh Conference in the form of a resolution, that the Conference delete from its consideration reference to the many historical divisions, and the causes therefor, that have arisen among Christians throughout the world, during the long period of history since the founding of their ancient faith, which, as they believe, was the first and mother church of them all. That would have been a happy suggestion and in the right direction, this writer thought, if they had just left out the reference to their own church, and recommended instead that the Conference skip over all church history and traditions and go back to the simple New Testament Scriptures as the basis for Conference collaborations. On that basis, and that alone, can dependable, solid, trustworthy common grounds for church doctrines and patterns be found, and can we hope to arrive at that blessed state of Christian unity for which our Savior prayed in John seventeen.

In this day of apparently increasing laxity of denominational loyalty among church members, we believe there would be a ready and sympathetic response from Christians of all faiths to an honest, earnest call back to the New Testament and to Christ, as the sole basis for Christian unity, interpreting them in the light of modern world conditions and needs. On such a basis many would be prepared to enter hopefully into negotiations looking towards that happy consummation.

Any thoughtful person must know and be able to point out certain practices and traditions to which the churches of Christendom have held tenaciously, regarding them as divinely inspired or semi-inspired, which have come down to them through racial, social, political, geographical or ecclesiastical inheritance, and which in reality have no clear Scriptural support. We should be prepared to re-check and re-think our church practices and traditions, and if any of them should be found to be out of line with an unprejudiced interpretation of the Scriptures, we

should be ready to re-cast them or even to discard them altogether.

If the present world movement among the churches, as set out in the Oxford-Edinburgh objectives, does not finally resolve itself into a more Scriptural approach to the problems involved, it will miss its greatest opportunity to effect a genuine and vital unity among Christian churches around the world.

4. Another objectionable feature of the Oxford-Edinburgh Conferences was the apparently inequitable basis upon which the representation of the churches at the Conferences was determined. The writer does not know just how the number of representatives assigned to each of the participating churches was arrived at. There must have been some definite reason why such distribution of delegates was made. The number of communicants a given church had no doubt had something to do with it. Previous interest shown in the ecumenical movement and the proximity of certain churches to the Conference cities also must have influenced it. But the matter of representation perhaps was not so important after all. This one thing was evident throughout the sessions, that mere voting strength upon the part of the participating churches was not sufficient to settle the issues and questions concerning which there were differences of opinion. Unity and cooperation among churches can never be brought about in that way. A more convincing way must be found. We must in some way be led to agree upon what our Lord, the great Head of the church, actually taught and expects His church to do in this world in which we live.

5. Still another thing that did not meet with our approval was the effort at both Conferences to bring all the delegates together in a united observance of the Lord's Supper. That seemed to us too much like an effort to force prematurely the ripe fruitage of Christian unity in the flowering stage. The Lord's Supper cannot be used as a means for breaking down the barriers that separate Christian communions. To use it thus entirely misinterprets its meaning and lowers the sacredness of its observance.

In offering these criticisms, the writer wishes it clearly understood that he is doing so in no unfriendly spirit. In another article which he hopes to offer soon for publication in the RECORD, he will mention the "things that pleased" him about the Conferences. And he wishes to say in advance that the "things that pleased" greatly out-weighed, in his estimation, the "things that did not." So much so, indeed, that he is heartily in favor of continued participation of Southern Baptists in this united movement towards a closer cooperation and unity in fellowship and in service with the other Christian bodies of the world.

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A WARNING AND AN APPEAL

N. S. Jackson

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Already a hard liquor bill has been introduced in the legislature, and its advocates urge passage of the bill to get revenue "for old age pensions and the Confederate veterans."

The writer was in Arkansas last week and found in an investigation that drunkenness, and all the evils of drink, are, according to statements of citizens and officers, three times worse than they were before hard liquor was legalized.

We are in a crisis in Mississippi, a dangerously large number of our people believe honestly that it would be better to legalize hard liquor and get revenue, not knowing that all the evils of drink will be greatly increased.

A decisive protest from the good citizens of the state will check the effort to legalize hard liquor in the present session of the legislature.

To the pastors and religious leaders of the state, appeal is made to lead in launching such a protest that the effort will be checked. If this is not done, we may see the greatest wave of drunkenness, and evils following drinking, ever known, engulf our people.

My brethren, will you not get busy—and do it immediately.

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HOME MISSION WEEK OF PRAYER FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 4

We have about ten more days in which to prepare for our Annie W. Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. We are confident you are working toward a 10% increase in your offering. A letter from a president a few days ago saying "We took for our Week of Prayer goal the 10% increase. It is going to be hard pulling for that; our crowd has diminished during the past two years, some of our best have gone. But—our chins are up and our chests are out—we shall do our best."

This is the winning spirit and I believe the kind the majority of our women possess.

Miss Emma Leachman has been in the state this past week and she had wonderful attendance in her classes. In the five classes she contacted around 1,000 women, 90 churches and 75 presidents of societies.

She taught "Fruits of the Years" and made it very attractive by supplementing it with her many personal experiences. Those of us who had the privilege of attending these classes, have a deeper appreciation for the great contribution our Woman's Missionary Union has made to the progress of the kingdom in our Southland. None having made a greater contribution than Miss Leachman.

A letter from Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, says they have reduced the price of all their 35¢ books, except two, to 25¢ per copy. "Taking Christ Seriously" and "Tepee Trails," the two newest of their books, are still 35¢ each.

There is a long list of 25¢ books, including "The Bible a Missionary Book and Missions in the Bible."

My dear friends:

There are so many things I want to tell you of, I wonder if I can crowd it all into one letter.

I'll begin with last July, at the time of the Regional Conference of the Baptist World Alliance which met in Bucharest. It was one of the great occasions for our Rumanian Baptist people. It was looked forward to and talked about for months ahead and all plans led to the conference in Bucharest.

But a difficulty arose in that a respectable hotel cheap enough to accommodate the out-of-town guests could not be found. So it was decided to use our two buildings, the Seminary for men and James Memorial for women. Mattresses were rented and the floors in the Seminary covered, enough to accommodate three hundred. In the James Memorial we used all the beds and mattresses in the house with rented ones in reserve. From 150 to 200 women slept there, among them were many of our former girls. Some of the women of the church arranged a buffet, so that the men could have bed and breakfast for 15 lei—about 9¢! Since we did not have to rent mattresses for the women, their expenses were reduced. Bands from several churches came and the day the "foreign" guests arrived, they were lined up in the court between the two buildings with the sun shining on the white costumes, colorful sashes and polished brass instruments. They played welcome songs and national airs as Dr. Rushbrooke, Dr. Lewis, Dr. Luther Smith of New York, and Dr. Ippard, editor of Missions, walked into the court. Unfortunately, the Truettts were taken immediately to the place they were to be entertained and so were not with the others, much to the disap-

pointment of the players. Miss Inabelle Coleman came later in the day. But all had an opportunity to hear the bands before the conference was over. The "foreigners" from America and England were entertained in our apartment. The meetings were held in the First Baptist Church and the large one on Sunday, in a great movie house, as the church could not accommodate the crowds.

I wonder if any gift of the Lottie Moon Offering for '36 was more needed, more appreciated, or will do more good than the \$5,000 given for the making over of the First Baptist Church. On our first visit to Bucharest fifteen years ago, the congregation was meeting in a room over a stable. When the Seminary was built they had the use of one floor for several years. Then they rented a hall for a while. About five years ago, they found this large garage for sale and started to buy it. It looked like an impossible undertaking. The congregation is made up largely of small salaried people. But whenever a collection is taken everyone puts in something—often only 2 lei—about 1¼¢. Through heroic sacrifice, the building was at last paid for without one cent of foreign money; although there are some private loans to be met. These will take all that they can raise for the next few years. No alterations could be thought of. Then came the Lottie Moon Offering of \$5,000. The garage has been transformed—it is now a beautiful, classic house of worship. With its pillars and arches, sloping floor, high windows, artistic lighting, raised baptistry, and appropriate pulpit furniture, one would never dream of its humble origin. Although it was enlarged, it is crowded every Sunday, many having to stand. It is a church now anyone is proud to invite his friends to attend.

There is a building in front of the church which they hope to buy some day and make a facade fitting the architecture of the church. It faces a boulevard which they say will be one of the most used in the city. There as the "whole world" passes by, they will see this large and beautiful church and know that they are a "people called Baptists."

Whether it was the effect of the conference when the Orthodox church saw how great a people the Baptists were and how fast they were growing, or some other reason we do not know—but shortly after this an edict was issued, demanding that all Baptist churches which did not have as members 100 heads of families should be closed. It means the closing of nearly all of our churches in Rumania. Already this is being carried out, although it has been promised that the order would be postponed. We do not know what the results will be. We do know, though, that although the doors of the churches may be closed, they cannot close the hearts of the people to religion. Pray for them that they may have courage to be "faithful unto death."

Leaving Bucharest with our foreign friends from England and America, we attended a similar conference in Budapest, Hungary, and then on to Zurich to the great Young People's Conference. Returning refreshed in soul and body, by fellowship with dear friends from home, and a short vacation in Switzerland, we stopped again in Budapest.

The Lottie Moon Offering was at work here too, as it had been in Bucharest. Several dingy old apartments connected with the Seminary building were being converted into modern cheerful accommodations for the Training School to be opened as soon as the building was ready. I could visualize it, as I have had many years of experience in having doors and windows cut and

changing houses. However I didn't see how it could be finished before December.

Shortly after our return to Bucharest, the Seminary and the James Memorial opened with 74 young people enrolled. We miss Miss Hester, now Mrs. Petre Trutza, very much. But so well has she laid the foundation that we can go on with the structure. Miss Daniel is proving a worthy successor. She is assisted by three of our former students. I wish I had time to tell of each one of these three splendid girls. This year the school is more international than ever, for five nationalities are represented: Rumanian, Russian, Hungarian, German, and Bulgarian. Of course, the language used in the school is Rumanian.

I was called back to Budapest to assist in the opening of the school there on the 19th of October! It seemed a miracle when I saw the beautiful quarters, where I had left piles of plaster, bricks, and wood only six weeks before. The night I made the opening address the small chapel was crowded with all the Baptist pastors of the city, heads of all the institutions, the Seminary committee, representatives of the Woman's Union, and as many more as could get in. There were twenty-two fine girls, eager and ready for training. Miss Mahan has a big responsibility but she is ably assisted by Miss Cobb and Mrs. Bela Udvarnoki, formerly Gladys Smith.

As I think of the church and schools, I can truly say, "Thank God for the Lottie Moon Offering." May He whose we are and whom we serve inspire many again to remember His work as we celebrate His birthday.

"All that are with me salute thee. Greet them that love us in the faith. Grace be with you all." —Titus 3:15.

Emma Williams Gill.

THE NEED FOR TRAINING FACILITIES—

(Continued from page 1)

that 3,000 of our teachers in the colored schools have had no college training whatever. Many of them have had practically no training at all. In the past, plantation owners often made demands upon county superintendents to put some Negro from the plantation in charge of the plantation school. This custom has gone along for many years. Some of these teachers are still holding on to these jobs. The result has been that we have had a large part of our Negro population to grow up totally illiterate. This condition is worse in Mississippi than in any other Southern state.

The only college or institution for training Negroes that the state supports is at Alcorn College, in the southwestern part of the state. The function of this school is to train vocational teachers. The state needs an institution for the training of rural and elementary teachers for the many little one and two-teacher schools over the state. The private and church schools are gradually going out of commission. Most of them have little or no financial support and thus are not able to carry on. It seems that the time has come when Mississippi must set up some kind of facilities for training teachers for our rural schools. One of the church boards has offered to give Jackson College, Jackson, Miss., consisting of fifty acres of land, six brick buildings, and two frame buildings and give it to the state free of cost, without debt, if the state will only take it over for the education of Negroes. In the face of our great need for trained teachers, it seems that a wiser thing could not be done.

—P. H. E.

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EAST MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT

By R. L. BRELAND

Headed For Ruin

I hope I am not a pessimist, but I might be were it not for my faith in the promises of God. He has made certain promises in His word that I believe, so I realize that the day is coming when all evil will be overcome and righteousness shall reign supreme the world over. It is far from that today. Sin and lawlessness are in the saddle and we do not know just how far they will be permitted to go before our Lord, who reigns in heaven, will call a halt; but call a halt He surely will.

Why I say these things is because of the lawlessness that we have in our country today. No law is obeyed unless the people just want to do so; that is, by a large per cent of the people. We have a dry state so far as the law says it, but it is everything else but a dry state in fact. The officers of the law swear to enforce the laws and then refuse to do so. Men high in political affairs tell us that the laws cannot be enforced, therefore we should make the best of it that we can and get all out of it we can.

To say that the laws cannot be enforced is to confess failure in our country. If laws cannot be enforced there is no safety for our people. If the drunks and thugs are to run the country, running rough-shod over all laws, then why have laws at all or go to the expense of a legislature to enact laws that are not expected to be enforced? All such talk is an acknowledgement of lawlessness in the hearts of the talkers, for the laws can be enforced. What we need is men who will not swear falsely, who have the courage to stand for right and honor.

Free-love, they tell us, is almost as prevalent in America as in Russia or Africa. Wives and husbands are traded like horses among a certain class of people. No longer do the majority of people marry with any fixed purpose of living together "until death do us part." Trial marriages, a stench in the nostrils

of God and a disgrace to decency, is said to abound especially among the movie people; and I am persuaded that that class is not the only guilty ones. Divorce is as easily obtained as a license and so our country is filled with legalized adultery.

Robbery and murder are as common as any other transactions. More than 500 killings in our own state last year is a shame on our people and shows that the love and sacredness of life are scarce articles. Life is too cheap. One does not stop to think that killing a human being is the next thing to killing God, for man is made in the image of God. The masses of our people do not know that and do not care. One state in America has more killings than all of England in the same length of time. Surely we are headed for a bad day in America. And it is all because of dirty politics and lack of law enforcement. May the Lord hurry the time when He shall call a halt!

While in Washington County last week I had the opportunity to spend a short while in Hollandale. I did not get to see Pastor Douglass, but saw one of his deacons, Prof. C. L. Crawley. He reported the Lord's work going along nicely. Professor Crawley has been superintendent of the Hollandale High School for eight years and seemingly he can stay that much longer if he so desires.

The North Central Baptist Pastors' Assembly will meet in monthly session with the Vardaman Baptist Church, Calhoun County, on Monday, February 21st. A good program will be rendered and a good day is promised. Come over and spend the day with us.

Solomon said: "Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right." Prov. 16:18. Solomon was right.

The Clarion, published at Fulton, Miss., of which Rev. A. M. Overton is editor and publisher, recently spoke of the poor health of Rev. Jeff Rogers. Brother Rogers is one of our ablest preachers who has done much good work in the north-eastern part of our state. May he soon be well and back on his work for the Master.

To the members of Scuna Valley Baptist Church, Yalobusha County: This week the Baptist Record goes into the homes of every family of the church, the church having voted to accept the offer of the publishers. Read everything printed in it every week and it will do you much good. It is a clean paper, a doctrinal paper, a paper filled with good reading for the whole family. I am looking to its weekly visits to do something like the work of an assistant pastor.—R. L. Breland, pastor.

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Speak, move, work in peace, as if you were in prayer.

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True prayer is deliberately putting ourselves at God's disposal.

—BR—
Prayer is the law of personal relationship.

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Every man must be allowed to pray in his own way.

SOME WIDOWS

J. E. Dillard

The poor widow gave her two mites. Jesus declared that she had given more than the rich because she made a sacrifice to express her love and loyalty. It was a widow in Zarephath that helped the prophet Elijah in time of great need, and in turn she was cared for in her own distress.

I have known some mighty good and helpful widows in my day; here are a few:

Widow Dew has been a member of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club from its beginning. She has taken another membership as a memorial to her lamented husband, Evangelist J. H. Dew who led many thousands to our Savior.

Widow Brown had an income of forty dollars a month. She cut her living expenses to the core and took eight memberships in the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. She said she wanted to see her denomination out of debt before she died. (I think she will.)

Widow Darden said all her children liked pie, but they voted to do without it on Sunday so she could take a membership in the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club.

Widow Johnson said she had decided to go without dinner one day each week and give the four quarters saved each month to the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club.

Widow Rudolph said she would put a tin box on her ice box and then drop in it the odd pennies received in change. (This more than pays for a Baptist Hundred Thousand Club membership.)

Widow Bush told me she didn't tithe the way I taught it. It hurt me at first. Then I learned that she lived on one tenth of her income and gave away nine tenths. Then I was ashamed of myself.

Widow "Bountiful" put a big check in my hand and said "Pastor, you let me know when you need some money for the Lord's work and I will help you, if I can." And she always did, and does.

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M. E. MOFFITT

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That in the death of Dr. M. E. Moffitt, this union has sustained an irreparable loss, a faithful member who contributed to the happiness and spiritual development of the union;

That his family has lost a devoted husband and father, the First Baptist Church a consecrated leader, and the state one of its ablest citizens;

That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Dr. Moffitt's family and a copy furnished the Baptist Record for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

G. A. Carothers

Mrs. George Meek

Mrs. K. W. Lee

Adopted February 6, 1938.

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"I am sixty years old," said the rich old man to his friend's wife. "Do you think it would be better for me to tell a certain woman whom I should like to marry that I am 50?"

"Well, to be perfectly frank, I think your prospects of getting her would be better if you told her you were seventy-five."



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Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by
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Lesson for February 20, 1938 APPLICATIONS OF THE DOCTRINE OF ELECTION Mark 3:7-35

Introduction. Have you read the Gospel of Mark this week? No? Go read it now. Get the Bible and sit right where you are for 50 minutes and read it. Then read the third chapter some ten times and then read it carefully, looking to see what it really says. What is our Lord through our brother Mark talking about in this chapter? He has just finished telling us that our Lord had healed a man with a shriveled arm in the synagogue of Capernaum on the Sabbath day, and that the Pharisees and their scribes had gone out from the synagogue service to stultify themselves by making common cause with the hated Herodians in an effort to destroy Jesus. Now let us follow the thread of the narrative and see how God's election works.

I. Jesus Elects to Withdraw from the City to the Lake. Vv. 7-12.

He chose to do this in order to get away from the Pharisees and the growing vindictiveness of their hatred. His hour to suffer had not yet come. He had a work to do before He went to die for you and me, and He must do that work first. He knew from all eternity that He was to do that work before He went away, and in order that He should do that work and not fail, He withdrew from the presence of His enemies that He might carry the work of His gracious ministry. He had elected a course of conduct during His stay as a man in the world, and He also elected the means for the pursuit of that course.

Withdrawal in this case is not to be looked upon as the result of cowardice. "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread." Many a man has meant to create the impression that he was courageous when he succeeded only in convincing people that he was rash. There is no sense in rushing into danger which may be avoided. And when a man side-steps a threatened danger in order that he may pursue a work which God has committed to his hands, he shows himself not a coward but a courageous man.

But a man who withdraws from work in one locality or sphere of activity for the Lord ought to enter upon a course of useful work in another area. Did I tell you about the native of Amite County, living here near me in New Orleans, who explained to me that he does not attend church here and do work as a servant of Christ because of the persecution, he fears to encounter? Well, if I did not, it is the pitiable story of a spineless excuse for a man without moral courage enough to testify for his Lord or decision of character enough to stay out of

the sinks of iniquity where the missionaries of the devil fill his stomach with the poison which steals away his brain. How the Lord needs men everywhere who will stand for Him where they are!

When a man expects great things from God and undertakes great things for God, his own soul will be enlarged by the very bigness of his expectations and of his undertakings, and those who move about him will notice it. Our Lord Jesus went out of the city, but the multitudes went after Him. By withdrawing from the city, He selected the multitude whose members were anxious through coming into touch with Him to partake of the blessings which He came to bestow upon those who were trusting and were trustworthy.

See how He exercised His influence over the great multitudes who thronged Him. (1) He constantly maintained the lofty standard and tone of His moral teaching. He never compromised the truth in order to curry favor with anybody. Of course he had sense. He did not go out of His way to antagonize anybody. He would be glad to have all men love and trust and obey Him; but no one should hope that Jesus will excuse a laxity of life and a falsity of professed faith which preclude a vital communion with Him. (2) He was always equal to the increasing demands which were made upon His power. His Father supplied Him power from the store which is inexhaustible. The Father will do that same right up to the limits of the need of any man who will depend upon Him. (3) Our Lord never requested the multitude to assist Him in the accomplishment of any selfish endeavor.

He will have no commerce with the wicked. He will not even allow them to make Him known. He will not be put under obligation to the forces of evil.

II. Election At Work In the Choice of Helpers In the Work. Vv. 13-19.

"Then He went up the hill; and

those who He Himself chose, He called, and they came to Him." (Weymouth.) He selected the elect to be with Him.

This was the unconstrained act of His own sovereign will. The election of these select men was a matter which had been fixed from all eternity. He knew the men He chose, be sure of that. He knew just how cynical Nathaniel was with his, "Can any good thing come out of Nazareth?" He knew just how gloomy Philip was with his, "Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one may take a little." (John 6:7); "Lord, shew us the Father and it sufficeth us" (John 14:8). He knew Peter, knew just how weak he was and how strong he was capable of becoming. He knew that these men had selfish ambitions, that in the hour of His agony they would desert Him. He saw them then as we see them now, men of faith, character, steadfastness, loyalty, and Godliness.

1. He called them to be with Him. They needed Him to a degree which they did not begin to appreciate. First of all their need in their preparation for their work was their need of Him, need to be with Him, to have communion with Him, need to be instructed by Him.

He needed them, too. Needed to have them with Him that He might talk to them, that He might take them in the moments of their weakness and discipline them into strength. He needed to feel their dependence upon Him. No one, man or woman, becomes what he or she ought to become without the loving care of some dear dependent ones.

2. He called them to preach. I tell you again—and to write the same thing to you to me indeed is not grievous but for you it is safe—that preaching is the main business of a preacher's life. Brother, deacon, don't you allow your preacher to ruin himself at even so fine a thing as visiting the sick. Encourage him to preach, to attend the reading, the reading of the word, to study hard that he may

feed the flock of God, to keep him-ble, and to work hard, to the primarily that he may be able to instruct the church.

3. He called them to heal. Al the blessedness of this ministry the sick! I stood this very morning by the bedside of my fine young deacon over at Touro Infirmary and while the interne and the nurses lifted his unconscious form onto the bed, I lifted him in the arms of my faith up into the presence chamber of the great physician. This afternoon I stood with my arm about the shoulders of a fine young mechanic beside the bed of his wife while we three together poured our hearts' desire for her into the ear of our Father.

III. The Reprobate From All Eternity. Vv. 20-30.

He came down the Hill of Selection and went into his house at home. The multitudes came thronging Him so that He and the disciples had not so much leisure as to be able to eat. "They could not even eat a biscuit" (Weeks). His relatives, some of them, came and "They set out to get hold of Him for what they said was, 'He is out of His mind.'" (Moffatt). That is not so bad. Never was there anybody who did anything worth a shuck but some dunderhead said "He's out of his head."

But the case of the scribes was different. Here we come upon the vexed question of the unpardonable sin. Read the story carefully. The scribes said, "The power by which He is casting out demons is the power of the devil. He is wielding not a heavenly power but a hellish power." Their sin did not consist in the fact that they made that statement, but in the fact that they made it knowing that it was false. In their hearts they knew that it was false. (Continued on page 15)

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MISS. COLLEGE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION ACTIVITIES

"A true disciple is one who accepts and follows a teacher," said W. E. Winstead in an address delivered to us Tuesday evening. We need to carry a message to our people on true discipleship, not what some preacher has said about it but what Jesus said about it in Matt. 16-24. We need to preach as Paul did: I am not ashamed of the gospel for it is the power of God unto salvation. It might mean for us to turn our backs upon our people—even ourselves. If we are to be true disciples, less knee action is needed on automobiles and more in Christian service. Since we have been commissioned to go into all the world, we should speak of the things God has revealed to us.

Superintendent W. G. Mize, of the Baptist Orphanage, spoke to us Friday evening. "If I were you as young preachers, I would go along with the denominational program, even though it is not perfect, it is the best program we have," said the speaker. Reading from John 3:14, 12:32, brother Mize exhorted us to preach Christ with our lives, earnest voices and pens, assuring us that if we would do these things that Christ would again walk with us.

Fourteen young ministers went to Jackson Sunday. James Weaver spoke to the old ladies, Allen Webb to the old men, and Glen Smith to the prisoners. This was Glen's first trip to the jail. He remarked that he just wanted to have a heart to heart talk with the prisoners. After he read from Luke 17:11-14, John 21:1-6, Matt. 23:37-39 he forgot that he said, "I am not going to preach but just have a talk with them," and let the Lord direct him and brought a convincing message. Give God a chance. "You have given yourselves to the devil, why don't you give God a chance?" asked Glen. Eight of them said they would. Will you continue to pray for us in this work that the name of our Christ will become precious to those in sin, and that we be able to speak a word of comfort and cheer to the aged and sick?

H. H. Ward, reporter

THE MAGNET AGAIN PUBLISHED AT BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

The alumni and friends of Baptist Bible Institute will be interested to know that The Magnet, the student publication, is again to be published. It has not been issued for several years. The students are very enthusiastic about having a school paper again.

J. D. Griffin of Mississippi has been elected by the student body as editor of the newly organized revived paper and Maurice Anderson of Louisiana as business manager.

The February issue will be out in a few days. Alumni news will be welcome. Send your contributions along.

The subscription price for the last semester is 25 cents. Subscribe now and keep up with what the students are doing at the school. The paper needs your support. Address The Magnet, 1220 Washington Avenue, New Orleans, La.

SCOTT COUNTY B. T. U.

The Scott County B. T. U. Association met for its regular fifth Sunday meeting last Sunday, January 30, at Good Hope Church. Our hearts were filled with joy and inspiration as we looked into the faces of more than one hundred who represented six churches of Scott county. As they listened with much interest to a program rendered on "We Are His Witnesses," in which members from each church, excepting one, participated, we could not help breathing a prayer that the seeds which were being so carefully sown might double themselves many, many times at our next meeting, which will be with the Pulaski folk in May, the Lord being willing.

The following will serve as officers for the year 1938:

Director, Mrs. Howell Daniel; Associate Director, Mr. Moody Purvis; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Percy Cooper; Chorister, Rev. C. O. Estes; Pianist, Mrs. C. O. Estes; Pastor-advisor, Dr. A. B. Wood.

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Group directors: Group 1, Mr. B. F. Duncan; Group 2, Miss Ina Beasley; Group 3, Miss Lavell Cooper.

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Brethren, believing that we will have to have a real Scriptural awakening before there will come a Spirit quickened and led revival I am therefore trying to give a sufficient exposition of the Bible that will enable people to see something of God's plan of the ages. Then people will know enough of what it is all about to really tie onto the Lord and his work and not be swept into the tide of worldliness that is robbing churches of spirituality and power.

The above lectures can be put on from Monday through Friday and only interfere with the prayer meeting.

Command me if I can serve you.
N. R. Stone

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MRS. CATHERINE LANGDON

A pall of sorrow spread over the Thomastown community on January 19, 1938, when the news arrived that Mrs. Catherine Langdon had passed from life into eternity.

After several weeks illness she died at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson.

Mrs. Langdon, whose maiden name was Waldon, was the wife of W. A. Langdon of Thomastown. She leaves besides her husband one sister, Mrs. Mary Dukes of Shelby, Miss., and six children; one having preceded

her several years before, and a host of relatives and friends to mourn her going.

Mrs. Langdon was a beautiful Christian character and a faithful member of the W. M. U.

Services were conducted by Rev. H. H. Webb and Rev. Perry of Jackson, at the Thomastown Baptist Church after which she was tenderly laid to rest in the Wake Forest Cemetery.

Pall barriers were: Mike Arnold, P. E. Blailock, Juston Lovorn, Lester Myrick, J. C. Simpson and H. J. Simpson.

—Thomastown W. M. U.

SUMMERLAND

The Lord richly blessed us in our meeting at Summerland January 23-30. Brother D. A. McCall of Philadelphia did the preaching, and it was well done. This was brother McCall's boyhood home, and the people were more than delighted to have him back for a series of services.

At the morning services brother McCall brought messages about his recent trip around the world. The night services were devoted to evangelism. Besides the local services brother McCall delivered chapel talks to four neighboring schools. His exhibit of souvenirs was most interesting.

On Sunday morning at the closing service we were led in a "Fellowship Service" which proved to be an exceedingly high hour. Memories of this hour will linger long and profitably in the minds of our people.

Mrs. Avery Blakeney of Taylorsville directed the music.

There were nine additions by profession of faith.

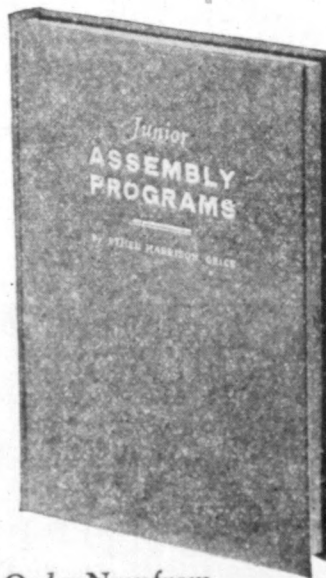
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OBITUARY

Dr. William Harrison Joyner, born at Clinton, Miss., November, 1903, died January 28, 1938. Buried at Enterprise, Miss., by the side of his father the late Rev. H. C. Joyner who preceded him some two or three years ago. W. H., as he was known and called by his friends, was a fine Christian gentleman, a loving and devoted son and a loyal and trustworthy friend. The good mother and one brother remain to cherish his memory and to look forward through their tears to a happy reunion. May God's grace and comfort be a conscious reality to them.

L. G. Gates

RESOLUTIONS FROM MISS. COLLEGE

To Mrs. J. W. Mayfield and Family, McComb, Miss.:

We the faculty and student body of Mississippi College wish to express to you our genuine sympathy over the loss of your loved one, Dr. J. W. Mayfield. We join you in grief over your loss and ours. You lose a dear husband and father. We lose a loved and faithful friend, who was faithful unto death. May God comfort you and guide us all.

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The Children's Circle

MRS. FRANCES LIPSEY STEELE

[Send all communications to Mrs. Frances Lipsey Steele, Magee, Miss.]

My dear children:

If I didn't know that by the time you read this there might be freezing weather with cold winds and cloudy skies, I'd like to say something about this glorious sunshine and the abundance of early spring flowers: snowy spirea, golden daffodils, jasmine, and jonquils, fragrant narcissi and breath of spring, many colored hyacinths, yellow bells, the red buds just bursting into bloom and even the pear trees waving like giant white plumes. I can't keep from mentioning them anyhow. They make me think of a verse from the first chapter of James, the seventeenth verse: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of lights." Surely the flowers are one of the good and perfect gifts that our Father gives us. Let us remember to give thanks while we are enjoying them.

You doubtless have been reading and studying about two great men of our country whose birthdays come this month. All the world honors the memory of Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. Won't you let me quote to you something that someone else has said about these two noble men?

"We learn from the lives of Washington and Lincoln, one a rich boy and the other a poor boy, that God can use us if we do His will, no matter what our circumstances may be. Any boy who honors his parents and honors God as these two men did will grow up to be a good and useful man, and if his name will not be great in the sight of men it will be great in the sight of God."—Dickert.

I'd like to add that the same thing is true for girls too, except they'll grow into good useful women.

Our letters this week may not be as numerous as we'd like but I know you will find them interesting.

The very first letter is from a sick-bed-member, though she doesn't mention her own troubles. She encourages us with her kind words and her generous contribution.

Charles White sends the first response to the proposition we made about the verse from Proverbs. He made an excellent selection and what he says is good. He also sends another contribution to the Mrs. Julia T. Lipsey memorial. A very kind personal letter from Mrs. White is appreciated too.

We are glad to have a cordial greeting and an offering from our faithful Mrs. Austin. Jeannie Lipsey Club No. 8 is alive and active.

Miss Leta Mae Lupo is sending the title of her egg money. We thank her for having a part in this memorial.

With love,
Mrs. Frances Lipsey Steele

BIBLE STUDY

Proverbs 29:25b: Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe.

Marguerite was a timid gentle child. It was her first year in school and she had found everything very different from home. Mother was there ready to answer her slightest request, ready to help her no matter how busy she was. Here there were twenty children instead of one.

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Many of them she didn't know at all. The place was strange, the children were strange and worst of all the teacher was strange. Not that Miss Grant was unkind, but Marguerite had not reached the place where she felt quite at home with her.

She heard brisk steps outside the school room door and then a knock. Miss Grant opened the door and invited the doctor and the two nurses to enter.

They spoke together in undertones for a moment, then Miss Grant turned to the roomful of curious children and said, "Children, Dr. Martin, our county health officer, and these two nurses have come to vaccinate us. They want to protect us and make it impossible for us to take smallpox. I'm going to let him vaccinate me first so you can see how simple it is and that it doesn't hurt a bit."

She pushed up her sleeve, baring her arm, while Dr. Martin opened his case and arranged his medicine and instruments. One of the nurses helped him and the other rubbed Miss Grant's arm with cotton wet with alcohol. Marguerite watched with fascination and horror as the doctor took a needle and scratched Miss Grant's arm until there was a pink, raw looking spot. She saw Miss Grant turn her arm away from the children, but not before a drop of blood oozed out of the scratched place.

She felt just a little weak as she heard Miss Grant's cheery voice asking, "Now, who will be next? See how easy it is? I'm going to let you volunteer."

Marguerite thought "I can't. I simply can not."

The roomful of small children seemed to hesitate and wait for a leader to step out. The doctor and nurses stood expectantly. Then there flashed across Marguerite's mind the memory verse that they had learned at Sunday school only last Sunday.

It had been in her mind a great deal since then, singing itself through her thoughts without any effort on her part, "Whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe."

Her heart seized on the promise and with quiet assurance, Marguerite slid out of her desk and stepped quickly up to Dr. Martin with the request, "Take me next."

Holding fast to the words of her memory verse, she extended her arm, and received the vaccination, scarcely feeling any discomfort.

As she returned to her desk, she was pleased to see the line of children forming to the doctor's left and to hear his hearty voice saying, "Hold on, little folks. One at a time."

Her verse, through her, had given courage to the whole room.

Route 4, Box 79,
Meridian, Miss.,
February 3, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I have always enjoyed the letters and the lessons of the Children's Page so much and have felt that your mother had chosen a lovely way to interest people in the orphans. Somehow I feel sure she would want you to carry on.

Your study of special verses in Proverbs is particularly interesting to me and I am sure each week's verse and story will help both old and young who read them to live richer, nobler lives.

I am sending a small offering to be used on the Mrs. Julia T. Lipsey memorial. I think it would be grand to erect some special memorial to her memory as one member of the circle has already suggested. She was so interested in the building program at the orphanage that I feel that we, her friends, would

please her most by doing something special along that line. However, whatever is done will be all right with me. I just want to have a part in it. I wish I could send \$1,000.00 instead of only \$1.00 but maybe there will be so many others that the total will be great anyway.

Love,
Iva Loy Bass

Iva Loy, we are so pleased to get this good letter from you. I hope you are feeling better every day. Your part in the memorial and what you have to say about it is very helpful too. Thank you for everything.—F. L. S.

Picayune, Miss.,
February 6, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I am sending 10 cents for Mrs. Lipsey's memorial. You didn't know my age. I am ten years old and in the 5th grade.

I like the verse in Proverbs. A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold, Prov. 22:1.

I'd rather have a good name than silver and gold because if I have a good name people will like me even if I am poor, but if I am rich and have a bad name people will like me for my money only.

I read the Bible study. It is good. Sincerely,

Charles White

Charles, your verse is great! I'm sure you already have the little book of Proverbs. I hope you are memorizing many of these verses for we are told "Wisdom is the principal thing, therefore get wisdom." One way of getting wisdom is by hiding God's word in our hearts.—F. L. S.

Hazlehurst, Miss.,
February 8, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

I want to welcome you as our new leader for the Children's Circle.

My father is eighty-six years old and has been an invalid for seven years. He, with all our family, sends love and sympathy to your father and his family. He asks the prayers of you all.

I am sending twenty cents for Mrs. Lipsey's memorial. This is the tenth of my egg money. I would have written sooner but I hated to write and not send anything.

I read the Record and enjoy it so much.

Sincerely,

Leta Mae Lupo

I know you are thankful, Miss Leta Mae, that God has spared your father to you so long. Thank you for your words of welcome and your offering too.—F. L. S.

Taylor, Miss.,
February 5, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Steele:

May I welcome you as a leader for the Children's Page?

I think it is grand for you to carry on the work your dear mother started.

I am enclosing \$1.00 for February—fifty cents for Jeannie Lipsey Club No. 8; also 50 cents for dear Mrs. Lipsey's memorial.

Pray for our W. M. U. Wishing and praying for your success, in your Christian work.

With love,

Mrs. M. G. Austin.

Thank you, Mrs. Austin, for your welcome, your offering and your prayers.—F. L. S.

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Lady—"I'd like to try some of that track meat I heard so much about this spring."

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT THOMAS BRIDGERS

Whereas, a Divine summons came on January 22 last, calling our beloved brother, Thomas Bridgers from this life to that which is to come, and

Whereas, he has served with us as co-laborer, in the cause of Christ here in this city and community for the past sixteen years as a member of the church, and more recently as a deacon of the church now therefore,

Be It Resolved:

First. That we bow in humble submission to the will of our heavenly Father, in firm faith that His providences toward us are always wise and kindly.

Second. That in the home-going of brother Bridgers we lose one of our most faithful members and a constant supporter of our church and the cause of Christ. We shall miss him greatly from the body of our membership, his constant presence at the services of the church, his wise counsel in the business affairs of the church, and his kindly smile and cordial handshake as a friend and brother.

Third. That we tender to his bereaved wife and family our deepest and warmest sympathies in their distress and sorrow, and recommend them to the tender mercies of a loving heavenly Father, who will never forsake us, and whose grace is sufficient for us under every trial and sorrow.

Fourth. That a copy of these resolutions be placed on the record of our church and a page inscribed to the memory of brother Bridgers and a copy be sent to the press for publication, and a copy to sent to the bereaved family of the deceased.

—First Baptist Church,
of Belzoni.

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PROGRAM

State Associational B.T.U. Officers' Conference, First Baptist Church, Meridian, Feb. 22-23, 1938

First Day—A. M.—

10:00—Hillman College Girls' Quartet.

10:15—Devotional — Rev. R. D. Pearson.

10:30—Training Union Needs in Mississippi—Auber J. Wilds.

10:45—Every church in Mississippi can have a Director and Graded Training Union—Dr. Clay I. Hudson.

11:10—General Conference—Mr. W. A. Harrell.

11:25—The Training Union and State Missions—Dr. R. B. Gunter.

11:50—Song and Announcements.

12:00—The Training Union a Denominational Asset—Dr. T. L. Holcomb.

12:30—Lunch.

P. M.—

2:00—Song, Scripture, Prayer.

2:15—Associational Directors at Work—Reports and Observations.

3:00—Sectional conferences for all officers.

4:10—Song and Announcements.

4:15—The Place of Baptist Students in Building and Maintaining a Training Union in Every Baptist Church in the State—Dr. Frank H. Leavell.

4:35—Training is Permanent Enrollment—Rev. D. A. McCall.

5:00—Intermission.

7:00—Song Service and Devotional.

7:20—Presenting the Five Departments of the Training Union.

8:10—Enlarging the Training Union—Mr. J. E. Lambdin.

8:35—The Pastor Using His Training Union—Rev. L. W. Ferrell.

9:00—Training is Imperative — Dr. T. L. Holcomb.

Second Day—A. M.—

8:45—Devotional Service.

9:00—Conference for Associational Officers as on Tuesday afternoon.

10:40—Reassemble.

10:45—Study Courses, When and How—Mr. C. Aubrey Hearn.

11:10—Mississippi Plans for 1938—Mr. Auber J. Wilds.

11:45—An Associational Calendar of Activities—Mr. W. A. Harrell.

12:05—Reaching the Last Church—Mr. J. E. Lambdin.

12:30—Final Adjournment.

In addition to those listed in the above program we will have as conference leaders and speakers, Mrs. Hattie Potts Rogers of Knoxville, Tenn., Mrs. J. E. Lambdin of Nashville, Tenn., and Miss Lucy Carleton Wilds, Oxford, Miss. Others will be used for special service during the conference.

We hope every association may be represented at this meeting. Letters have gone to everyone we have a record of as officer and in associations not organized we have asked one or more pastors to attend and bring a representative group. The Meridian churches combine in en-

tertaining the conference on the Harvard plan. Whether you attend or not, will you not pray for the blessings of the Lord to attend every session?

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A Message From State B. T. U. President R. D. Pearson

"Fervent in spirit; serving the Lord." These words should be a truthful description of every believer on the Lord Jesus Christ. If the people of Christ are to become more and more like this New Testament ideal, there must be inspiration which comes from a fuller understanding of the Lord's will for them and of the glorious possibilities of fruitfulness through their services. In addition to this inspiration there must also be instruction as to how they can serve the Lord in such an acceptable way. There must be training in service. To provide these essentials for the spiritual growth and development of all of our people, both old and young, the Baptist Training Union exists. This is the great purpose of all of our efforts. That we shall develop into Christians who are "fervent in spirit; serving the Lord," we set our faces toward the task of building our training unions throughout the land.

We, who have had the leadership in this work committed to us, realize that one of our very greatest needs is to bring the men and women, who make up the adult membership of our churches, to understand the possibilities and the importance of this work in the development of the individuals into active and efficient workers for the Master. To bring about this result we need for ourselves all of the information and inspiration that we can get. It is for this very purpose that our State Training Union secretary, brother Wilds, has arranged for the State-wide Training Union Conference which is to be held at the First Baptist Church, Meridian, on Feb. 22-23.

Let all of us, as good stewards of the Lord, do our best to attend this conference. Let us plan now to bring as many others as possible. Let us not neglect so great an opportunity.

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Youth Week

I. What Youth Week Is

Several Baptist churches in the South have recently observed what is known as Youth Week. The Third Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo., with Dr. C. O. Johnson as pastor, has observed it twice, once in the fall of 1936, and again in the fall of 1937. The First Baptist Church of Nashville observed it in the spring of 1937. Dr. W. F. Powell is pastor of this church. Both these churches have voted enthusiastically to make Youth Week an annual event. Following the example of these churches a number of other Southern Baptist churches have already observed Youth Week.

The Baptist Sunday School Board,

in its annual meeting in 1937, took note of this development and recommended that the Training Union Department of the Board promote Youth Training Week as an annual project in the churches. Following the instructions of the Board, the Training Union Department is issuing a tract and recommending to the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention that they observe Youth Week. A week in April is recommended as an ideal time for the concerted movement, but any week in the year which is deemed most convenient by any church is acceptable.

Briefly stated, Youth Week is a plan for a church to use its young people in all the official positions of church life for one full week. The Training Union should plan and carry out the project. It fits ideally into the program of the Training Union, since the aim of that church agency is "Training in Church Membership." Youth Week is a laboratory project in which the young people of a church may have the further opportunity to learn by doing. In other words, the actual work which is ordinarily done by the regular church officials should be done during this week by the young people who occupy those positions. Write your state B. T. U. secretary for tract.

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S. S. ATTENDANCE FEB. 13TH

Jackson, First Church	1,061
Jackson, Calvary Church	1,074
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	702
Jackson, Davis Mem. Church	177
Jackson, Parkway Church	245
Jackson, Northside Church	141
Clinton Church	373
Laurel, First Church	565
Laurel, West Laurel Church	491
Laurel, Second Ave. Church	243
Laurel, South Laurel Church	94
Columbia, First Church	523
Vicksburg, First Church	483
Clarksdale Church	472
Clarksdale Church (2/6/38)	447
Meridian, 41st Ave. Church	229
Hattiesburg, First Church	557
Crystal Springs Church	332
Dixie Church	100
Leland Church	246
Calhoun City	201

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B. T. U. ATTENDANCE FEB. 13

Jackson, First Church	173
Jackson, Calvary Church	281
Jackson, Grif. Mem. Church	307
Jackson, Parkway Church	100
Jackson, Northside Church	43
Laurel, First Church	108
Laurel, West Laurel Church	80

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BROTHERHOOD ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 13

Laurel, First Church	52
Laurel, West Laurel Church	28
Laurel, 2nd Ave. Church	14
Laurel, South Laurel Church	22

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CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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Many friends and relatives attended the fiftieth wedding anniversary of Rev. and Mrs. D. W. Moulder at the family home in Lorena, Smith County, February 9. Lunch was served on the lawn during the noon hour. The invocation was delivered by a life-long friend, and next door neighbor for the past thirty-five years, Mr. E. F. Lane.

A feature of the celebration was the report of the wedding. Miss Lavern Russum, granddaughter of the honor guests, of Crystal Springs, sang "I Love You Truly." Shirley Moulder, granddaughter, was flower girl and Gwyn Allen Moulder, great grandson, was ring bearer. Mr. and Mrs. Pink Davis of Hattiesburg, served as attendants as they did on February 9, 1888. Mr. and Mrs. Davis will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary Dec. 26, 1938. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Moulder's son, C. S. Moulder of Hattiesburg.

C. S. Moulder.

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When you cannot pray as you would, pray as you can.

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Dr. A. B. Wood rejoices in a growing evening congregation at Forest. In the morning the congregations were unusually large all through January. All the work is hopeful.

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Our Thanks

The Sunday School department is indeed grateful to the Record editor for graciously cooperating in arranging for a regular column in the Record each week under the heading of this department. News items and information about our work will hereafter be found regularly in this place.

Greenwood Clinic

The Sunday School Board and our department are cooperating with the First Baptist Church of Greenwood in promoting a Sunday School Clinic the week of March 6-13. The Greenwood church is giving full entertainment for the week entirely free to 35 or 40 pastors, superintendents, and associational superintendents whose names we shall send in. If one cannot stay the entire week, he can for part. Don't miss this rare opportunity to have your church represented.

Those desiring this favor will send names at once to this department. Some have already sent in, and the time is short and the number limited.

All department books and several general ones will be taught that week; also, conference periods, inspirational meetings, practical problem discussion, etc., will feature the time of the clinic. We hope to publish the full program next week.

Sunday School Convention

The statewide Sunday School Convention meets this year in First Baptist Church, West Point, March 22-24. We will have a great program treat for all who come.

Some of our meetings, because of their nature, are necessarily limited in attendance to certain groups of workers, but this is certainly NOT the case of the West Point Convention. It is for all: pastors, superintendents and other general officers, all department and class officers, teachers, pupils, associational officers, and all others.

The good people of West Point are furnishing bed and breakfast free to all who go. Plan now for your school to be well represented. Full program will soon be out.

New Ones

Five new Sunday schools, that we know of, were organized in the state during January. How fine! We need several hundred others over the state in churches without them, as well as in many mission places. Some churches are sponsoring mission schools near by. Brother superintendent, that is a fine service for your school if there is such a place near you.

The Sunday School Board is indeed glad to give the first quarter's literature, free of charge, to all new Sunday schools. If you organize one, be sure to let us know so we can count it and also have the superintendent's name on our list.

Three Goals

For 1938, in addition to our regular program, we have these three definite goals for our associational organizations: a Sunday school in every church; a training class in

FINDING REST

Howard Harper

The story is told about a bird that sailed around a ship in mid-ocean until his weary wings could carry him no farther, and we may add to that story by saying that there was a flock of birds flying about the ship. Part of the birds would light on the ship before becoming weary and tired while others would continue sailing and sailing until their weary wings were completely fatigued. When they realized their weakened condition and saw that they could sail no farther they would light upon the ship and rest and safety. Still there was part of the flock that did not realize that there was a ship near by upon which they could light. Upon becoming weary and tired they continued sailing and sailing until their wings could carry them no farther until finally they fell into the water and sank in the depths of the sea never to be seen again.

Let's make an application of this story to our own lives by comparing the great ship to God; and the flock of birds to people living in this world. Some people realize early in their lives that there is an ark of safety near by and will go to Jesus for rest, for safety, and for peace with God and with their fellowmen. Still we have those in this world who will drift along in sin until finally they realize their condition. They realize that they can go no farther and must obtain a source of rest. They will then surrender their lives to God. Then they have an opportunity to live a long, peaceful, happy Christian life and have an influence for good in their community. Then, I am sorry to say, we have those about us who never realize that there is an ark of safety near by. They live their entire life in sin and continue sailing along until their source of strength is completely exhausted and will fall in death and go down, down, and down to eternal punishment with the devil.

The question for us to consider now is: Which class are we in? Are we among those who have already found the ark of safety and the source of all strength? Or, are we among those who have not found that ark of safety? If you are in this group, are you going to be like this foolish fowl that fell into the sea? It seems to me that you will decide today to do the most noble and sensible thing and surrender your life to Jesus and live a life of service to your fellow-man and have that Christian influence for good wherever you are.

Harperville, Miss.

Prayer gives God His opportunity to speak, for prayer is the listening ear.

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every church; and a big increase in Vacation Bible schools.

Several associational superintendents have already written saying that these three special goals have been planned for in their year's program.

"MY CONVERSION"

Some people may think there isn't any harm in the doctrine that the Protestant Methodists teach but I firmly believe that it did harm to me in my early teens. My daddy is a Missionary Baptist preacher and preaches every time he gets half a chance, but through carelessness, of course he maybe did not think that I was paying any attention to what I was hearing in the Methodist church. Ever since I can remember I have taken very much interest in preaching of all sorts, not knowing any better. When I was sixteen years of age I called myself joining the Baptist church, thinking that the joining would help me to be saved. I did not know anything about the Messiahship of Christ. Well, I got it into my head that a man had to live sinless in this world to be a Christian. I had a standard fixed up in my own mind for a preacher to live up to and did not realize that I was falling far short of it myself.

I went to church one Sunday, at the beginning of a revival meeting. It was a new community to me and about the first time I had ever been to this place of worship. I had heard so much gossip until I had most every one sized up as pretty small. The pastor of this church was a jolly fellow and as I found out later a good man. I had become so evil minded until I made the remark that I did not believe he was in earnest. I just believed he was interested in the paying part, and said that I knew another man was. That night I changed my mind and decided that I had blasphemed against the Holy Ghost. I spent six months in the greatest grief that I think could come to any man in this world. I was too proud to confess it to anyone that might help me out of my trouble. Finally God revealed to me that I was trying to save myself and there was only one way, which was Jesus. Did I accept? With all my heart, and I believe that I can say there is not a human on earth that appreciates a Savior more than I do.

I am writing this because I have read the story of Rev. R. L. Breland and J. E. Heath's conversion and it did me so much good I have always felt as if it might help some

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On January 30, 1938, Superintendent O. C. Moor called the Sunday schools together for the purpose of perfecting an organization for the county, which resulted in electing the following officers:

Supt., O. C. Moor; Sec'y., J. W. Kitchens; Dist. 1, J. S. Lundy, director; Dist. 2, T. E. Hanna, director; Dist. 3, Simmy Douglass, director; Rev. A. H. Childress, assn. director; Adult Superintendent, Rev. Dero Butler; Young People's Supt., Miss Maud Alice Yeatman; Intermediate Supt., Mrs. H. O. Anderson; Junior Supt., Miss Maud Carpenter; Primary Supt., Mrs. J. D. Ray; Beginner Supt., Mrs. James Cooper; Cradle Roll Supt., Miss Ida Lee Thompson; Vacation Bible School Supt., Dr. J. D. Ray; Extension Department Supt., Mrs. Joda Morgan.

We had a very interesting meeting and all returned to our different fields with a new zeal and determination to organize a Sunday school in every church where they do not already have one. Brethren, pray for us.

Yours for an association in every county,

J. W. Kitchens, Sec'y.

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J. W. MAYFIELD

The Baptist Pastors' Conference of Meridian expresses deep sorrow in the home-going of our dearly beloved brother, Dr. J. W. Mayfield, and asked that the undersigned send this word to The Baptist Record. Brother Mayfield was at one time pastor of this conference, serving at that time as pastor of the Southside Church. And he has assisted in revival meetings in practically every church of this city.

May the heavenly Father minister comfort to the saddened hearts of the family, through the Holy Spirit, the great Comforter.

Fraternally,

J. L. Boyd.

41st Ave., Meridian.

LEST WE FORGET

Sometimes we go to the meeting of the State Convention, vote heartily and unanimously for some recommendations, then go home and straightway forget them. In view of this fact, permit me to call attention to a worthy objective approved by the Convention at Philadelphia. In consideration of the report on the Review of the Social Service, the Convention approved the following resolution: "Set aside one Sunday for a Fellowship Offering. At the celebration of the Lord's Supper give a fellowship offering to the support of needy retired ministers and missionaries and dependents." Two things led to the approval of this resolution.

First: Those in Mississippi looking to the Relief Board for sustenance receive from three to five dollars per month, with one exception.

Second: Receipts from the Cooperative Program in Mississippi and from interest on funds held by our Convention amount to about \$500.00 less than the amount allotted by the Relief Board to Mississippi.

These needy ones toiled hard and toiled well in their day to make a better day for us now working in Mississippi and it will only be a small expression of our appreciation for their toils and privations to take one offering a year for them, when we come to memorialize the sacrifice made by Him whom they loved and served. Not much, as compared with what we give to other things, will come from such offerings; but it will mean much to them, both in supplying material needs and in supplying the cheer needed by those who wait in the eventide of life.

"Lest we forget" I plead with pastors, one and all, to make a note of this in your book of reminders and they will remember us more earnestly when they pray.

Your brother in Christ,

Bryan Simmons

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A tourist returning from California through the Texas Panhandle got into conversation with an old settler and his son at a filling station.

"Looks as though we might have rain," said the tourist.

"Well, I hope so," replied the native; "not so much for myself as for my boy here. I've seen it rain."—Ex.

Prayer is my chief work and it is by means of it I carry on the rest.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(Continued from page 10)

power which Jesus was wielding was the power of God, that the spirit by which Jesus was exorcising the evil spirits was the spirit divine of the living God, and they dared to say that the Spirit of God was the spirit of the devil. And Jesus said that any one who does that is so confirmed in sin that he will just go on sinning, will never quit, will grit his teeth under the rod of punishment, will grit his teeth in the dark region of his everlasting banishment, and will just go on sinning. Listen at our Lord: "Whosoever shall blaspheme against the Holy Spirit hath never forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin." (V. 29, A. S. V.) I think it is not God punishing a man forever for a single act of sin, but it is punishment incurred forever by such a state of depravity as leads man to sin the worst and then to continue everlastingly to sin, because he has stooped so low as to sin the worst.

IV. The Elect Family. Vv. 31-35.

1. Christ's relationships are spiritual. The kinships of the body are held inferior and subordinate to the kinships of the spirit.

2. The true bond of relationship with Christ is obedience to the will of God. There is but one infallible will, the will of God. Whoso wheels his life into line with that will comes into union and vital relationship with the other members of the family of God. And that righteous will appeals for universal obedience. To obey the will of God is to have kinship with His only Son our Lord.

3. Look at the privileges resulting from this relationship. They are the intimate privileges of the family relationship. The relationship of mother and child, of brother and sister. See how they sacrifice for one another, the members of a good family. See how each is happy in the happiness of all and how all are happy in the happiness of each. The members of a fine family are refined each by all and all by each. Give a lad a fine gentleman for a father and a fine lady for a mother and he will have a far finer chance to grow into a fine gentleman himself. Who was it said that if you wanted to grow a gentleman you would do well to begin with his grandfather? Well, he was right. Now, if you want to grow a fine gentleman arrange it so he can be born into a fine family. All right then, the finest family anywhere in this world is the family of the Father God. The finest brother in all the world is our elder brother, the Lord Jesus.

A young lady on a street car recognized me a while ago, and said, "You don't know me, Doctor Campbell. I am Paul's niece." And she tossed her head with such a sense of pride, because she could claim kin with my fine young friend and helper here.

Miss Bloobud: "My ancestry dates back to before the days of Charlemagne. How old is your family?"

Count Nocount: "I really can't say. You see all our family records were lost in the flood."—Christian Union Herald.

GOLDEN JUBILEE TEA AT CORINTH

A social event of paramount interest to Baptist women was the Golden Jubilee Tea given by the Woman's Missionary Society on Thursday afternoon, January 20, from 3 to 5:15, at the hospitable home of Mrs. R. L. Ridings, a past president of the organization.

Approximately seventy members were graciously welcomed at the door by the hostess, who presented them to the president, Mrs. Jameson C. Jones. Other officers receiving in the living room included: Mrs. Madison Parker, 3rd vice-president; Mrs. W. F. McCord, treasurer; Mrs. J. C. Bishop, chairman Margaret Lackey Circle; Mrs. L. L. Martindale, chairman, Chastain Circle; Mrs. George Hughes, chairman, Mary Ware Circle; Mrs. Henry Lindsey, chairman Hallie Garrett Neal Circle; and Mrs. L. C. Spencer, chairman Young Matron's Circle.

Mrs. W. G. Sewell, chairman of Ann Judson Circle presided at the registration table where as the guests signed their names in the Golden Jubilee memory book, they deposited coins, "love gifts" to the society.

They were then invited into the dining room where Mesdames J. W. Zachary, S. J. Richey, Thruston Jones, Logan Whitten, Lawrence James, H. E. Ray, and W. B. Wright served individual orange ices with delicious old fashioned pound cake. The golden color scheme was further emphasized in the lovely spring flowers that lent their beauty and cheer to the reception suite. A bowl of stately yellow tulips with lacy fern formed the attractive centerpiece of the lace draped tea table.

During the afternoon piano selections, arranged by Mrs. Garner Byars, were rendered by the following daughters of W. M. S. members: Frances Henson, Rachel Graham, Martha Frances Spain, Martha Nell Bishop and Louise Holmes. Miss Vadeen Robertson, gifted soprano, representing the Business Women's Circle, was the guest soloist. She was accompanied by Mrs. Byars.

A spirit of love, happiness and good fellowship prevailed at this, the first of a series of social gatherings and study programs planned for the observance of the Golden Jubilee.

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Last summer while returning to Carthage after an evening service in a series of revival meetings I saw the road lined with Indians walking in the rain. Some of the men were carrying lighted lamps, and the women were carrying sleeping children. Upon asking where they had been I learned that they had been to preaching. Their place of meeting was on a hill under the pine trees with burning cotton seed for light. These Indians also informed me that, for four years they had been trying to build a Baptist church. I asked how many of the Indians in the community were Baptists, and one of the Indians replied, "All."

The realization of their need of a church house caused me to forego a needed vacation I had planned to take when the revival meeting closed, and put the vacation, time and money, into a church house for these Indians. The difficulty of securing a deed to a plot of ground delayed the beginning of the building. But now we have a deed to two acres of land and 5,000 feet of lumber. We have raised money in the county, but still we need more with which to buy windows and doors. If a few of the Baptists who read this will send us a small contribution, we can complete this church house within a few weeks. The Indians are doing the work themselves. Send your contribution to P. D. Bragg, Carthage, Miss.

—P. D. Bragg

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Beans is Beans—A teacher called for sentences using the word 'beans.'

"My father grows beans," said the bright boy of the class.

"My mother cooks beans," said another pupil.

Then a third popped up: "We are all human beans."

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For Putting on the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club

By J. E. DILLARD, Director of Promotion
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January and February are the months especially designated by the Southern Baptist Convention for putting on the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club. January is gone and February is rapidly drawing to a close. What have we done about it?

Every pastor, every W. M. S. president, group and circle leader, every Sunday school superintendent and teacher, every B. T. U. leader, every Brotherhood member, every intelligent and loyal member of every Baptist church ought to give this matter serious and prayerful consideration **right now**.

The Baptist Hundred Thousand Club is the Convention plan for reducing the principal of the debts of its agencies; this plan has the approval of all our agencies and all of our creditors; this plan usually meets with a hearty and substantial response whenever it is sympathetically presented; those who join the Club seldom if ever give any less to the regular program of their churches; this Club has actually paid (Feb. 1) \$798,872.94 upon the principal of the Southwide debts; this plan will enable us to get entirely out of debt in three years without hurting any of our work if it is properly presented in all our churches. **Let's do it!**

Some Simple Suggestions

While every pastor and every organization in every church has the privilege and right to decide if and how it will handle this most important matter, some simple suggestions growing out of experience and observation are offered in the hope that they will be helpful.

1. **Decide to do it.** Do it for your own sake that your conscience may be clear; do it for the sake of your church and people that they may have a worthy part in freeing their denomination of its humiliating and hindering debts; do it for the sake of your denomination that we may stop heavy interest charges and use the money to carry out the commission of our Lord; do it for the sake of Jesus and a lost world.

2. **Set a Day.** I suggest the last Sunday in February. Don't wait for a convenient day, they seldom come, things will interfere. But you will probably be surprised and delighted at the response your people will give to your consecrated leadership and sympathetic appeal.

3. **Have a Goal.** Aim at something definite. Study your church roll; pray about it; estimate about how many individuals you can reasonably expect to join; study all your organizations, suggest a goal for each one; total these up for your Baptist Hundred Thousand Club objective.

Pray, Preach, Plead

4. **Call a Prayer Meeting.** Let it be a special prayer meeting, urge all members to be present, especially urge all workers in the several organizations to come. Tell them your hopes and plans, read them the green folder, have many prayers, ask for full length cooperation, ask their approval of your goals, call for advance memberships.

5. **Preach and Plead.** Many fitting texts will occur to you, for example, Rom. 13:8; 2 Cor. 8:5; 2 Cor. 8:7 (Moffatt). Tell them about the Baptist name and honor; tell them how Southern Baptists tried to do a great work for our Lord and a lost world, and how hard times came and we fell in debt; tell them how our work has suffered because of these debts; tell them of efforts to pay these debts; tell them what the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club has done; explain that it costs only one dollar a month to belong; thank those who have joined; call for show of hands of those who have joined; ask for others who are willing to join, pass membership cards for signatures; urge the others to think it over and pray about it and sign the cards and return them.

Let's Finish the Job

6. **Follow Up.** Call for more members for the Club at the next meeting; ask Sunday school classes, B. T. U. groups, W. M. S. circles, etc., to take group memberships. (Caution: do not ask for group or circle memberships until after you have enrolled as many individual members as possible.)

Appoint the best, most popular and enthusiastic Club member you have as Club leader for your church. Encourage this Club leader to follow up each member and to enroll as many more as possible.

Give the signed cards to the Hundred Thousand Club leader (or to the church treasurer) who will keep accurate record of payments, make remittances promptly to the State Secretary (properly designated "B.H.T.C."), will seek to keep payments up and enlist new members and try in every way to promote the Club.

7. **Report Promptly.** Let your State Secretary and myself know of your good success, and drop a card to your state paper, giving the news so we may all rejoice together in our efforts to hasten the day when we shall have a Debtless Denomination.

We need all our people in all our work, especially in paying all our debts.

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